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The LORD CHANCELLOR said—

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By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in Her Majesty's Name and in obedience to Her Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Thursday the 15th day of July next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the 15th day of July next.

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Second Reading—Married Women (Maintenance in Case of Desertion) * (164) ; Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers) Act (1875) Amendment (162); Conveyancing (Scotland) Acts Amendment (163), *negatived;* Public Health Acts (Improvement Expenses) (143) ; Jurors' Detention (142), *negatived;* Land Tax Commissioners' Names * (165) ; Returning Officers' Charges (Scotland) * (173) ; Tithe Rent-Charge (Extraordinary) Redemption (174) ; Customs * (175) ; Revising Barristers' Appointment * (179) ; Revising Barristers (Ireland) * (180) ; Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) * (181) ; Public Works Loans (Tramways Ireland) * (182) ; Westminster Abbey Restoration * (183) ; Merchant Shipping (Fishing Boats) Acts Amendment (184) ; Shop Hours Regulation * (186) ; County Courts Consolidation (151).

Committee — Medical Acts Amendment (155-187).

*Committee—Report—*Losses by Riot (Compensation) * (156) ; Terms of Removal (Scotland) * (157) ; Poor Law Loans and Relief (Scotland) * (158) ; Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries * (159) ; Coal Mines * (160).

Committee—Report—Third Reading — Turnpike Roads (South Wales) * (161), and *passed.*

Report—Third Reading — Tramways Order in Council (Ireland) * (132), and *passed.*

Third Reading — International and Colonial Copyright (144), and *passed.*

Withdrawn—Lunacy (13).

PROVISIONAL ORDER BILLS — *First Reading*—Local Government (Gas) * (189) ; Local Government (No. 6) * (190) ; Pier and Harbour * (191) ; Tramways (No 1.) * (192).

Committee — Report — Police and Improvement (Scotland) (Leith) * (150).

Committee — Report — Third Reading—Water * (137) ; Gas (No. 1) * (154), and *passed.*

CENTRAL ASIA—COLONEL LOCKHART'S EXPEDITION.

QUESTION.

In reply to Lord ELLENBOROUGH,

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA (The Earl of KIMBERLEY) said: Colonel Lockhart, after visiting Gilgit and Chitral, on a journey of exploration, has passed into Lower Badakshan on his return to India by the country of the Hindoo Khush. There is no truth in a recent report that Colonel Lockhart and his party have been seized and imprisoned in Badakshan.

PRIVATE AND PROVISIONAL ORDER CONFIRMATION BILLS.

Resolved, That the promoters of every Private or Provisional Order Confirmation Bill which shall have been introduced into this House in the present Session of Parliament, and which shall have passed this House and been sent to the House of Commons, or which shall be pending in this House, shall have leave to introduce the same in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than Three o'clock on the day prior to the close of the present Session; and that all fees due thereon, up to that period, be paid:

That an alphabetical list of all such Bills, with a statement of the stages at which they shall have arrived, shall be prepared in the Private Bill Office, and printed:

That such Bills shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than Three o'clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the next meeting of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed in the case of a Private Bill by the agent, and in the case of a Provisional Order Confirmation Bill by an officer of the department by which the Orders to be confirmed by such Bill are made, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session, and where any sum of money has been deposited, as required by Standing Order No. 57, that such deposit has not been withdrawn, together with a certificate of that fact, from the proper officer of the court in which such money was deposited:

That the proceedings on such Bill shall be pro formâ only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session; and that no new fees be charged in regard to such stages:

That as regards all Private and Provisional Order Confirmation Bills which shall have been brought from the House of Commons in the present Session such Bills shall be allowed to proceed to the same stage at which they shall have arrived in the present Session, on the same conditions as those set forth in the preceding Orders in respect of Bills originating in this House; the declaration to be signed as aforesaid, stating that the Bill is in every respect the same as when brought to this House in this Session:

That if any such Bill shall have been amended in this House in the present Session, the same Amendments shall be inserted by the Committee on the Bill:

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply to any Private or Provisional Order Confirmation Bill which shall have originated in this House or been brought up from the House of Commons in the present Session, in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed:

That all Petitions presented in this Session relating to any Private Bill shall, if necessary, be referred to the Committee on the Bill in the next Session:

That no petitioners shall be heard before the Committee on any Bill unless their petition shall have been presented within the time limited in the present Session, unless that time shall not have expired before it closes, in which case, in order to be heard, their petition shall be presented not later than the fourth day on which the House shall sit in the next Session.—(*The Chairman of Committees.*)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA—THE JOINT COMMITTEE.—MOTION.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA (The Earl of KIMBERLEY), in rising to move to discharge the Orders of the 11th and 16th of March last respecting the Select Committee on the operation of the Act for the better Government of India (1858) and certain other Acts relating to India, said, he wished to explain why the Committee appointed by the Lords to act with a Committee to be appointed by the Commons had never acted. When the Committee was first proposed in that House the noble Marquess opposite (the Marquess of Salisbury) and the noble Viscount (Viscount Cranbrook) at once met the proposal in the most friendly manner, and offered every facility for its appointment. The Committee was accordingly appointed, and a Message was sent to the other House, inviting them to appoint a similar Committee to act in conjunction with the Committee of their Lordships in conducting the inquiry. But in the other House an opposition arose, and certainly from a most unexpected quarter—namely, from the noble Lord his Predecessor in his present Office (Lord Randolph Churchill). He had been unable to gather the precise reason for the opposition, as, owing to the course which was taken, the question never came to be discussed in the other House; but he understood that the noble Lord, although he had stated that the question of the Government of India was one into which he thought there must be a real inquiry, objected to the number of Members of which it was proposed that the Committee should consist, and blocked the Motion of the Government. It was proposed that it should consist of 15 Members from each House, or 30 in all. Now, all the Indian Committees had been large; in 1830-2 the Committee of their Lordships which inquired into the Charter of the East India Company consisted of 22 Members, and that of the other House of 35 Members; and again in 1852 the Committees of the two Houses were somewhat larger, consisting, as they did, of 30 in the Lords and 31 in the Commons. He had been told—but he could scarcely believe it—that some objection had been taken because the Committee consisted of persons not altogether official. He entirely appreciated the importance of a Committee consisting of Members of large official experience; but for an inquiry of the kind proposed it was absolutely necessary to have some persons not connected with Office, who might come to the consideration of the matter from a broader point of view. He was surprised at the position taken up by the noble Lord the late Secretary of State for India, because that noble Lord had taken a prominent part in supporting the idea of an inquiry.

THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY: I do not understand the statements of the noble Earl to rest on any formal basis. He is referring to what has not been said in the other House. Has he any evidence?

THE EARL OF KIMBERLEY said, that his evidence was that the noble Lord the late Secretary of State for India had opposed the appointment of the Committee, and he had reason to believe that the noble Lord's objections were that there were too many persons proposed, and that he desired that the Committee should consist of 15 or 16 persons, nearly the whole of whom should be connected with Office in this country, or in India. The noble Lord had made a speech in June last year recommending a large and comprehensive Parliamentary inquiry into the whole operation of the Government of India; and he (the Earl of Kimberley) thought, whatever the ground of his Lordship's objections might be, it was extremely unfortunate that the late Secretary of State for India, after having given rise by his course of conduct to the great expectations that had been undoubtedly formed in India upon the matter, should have felt it necessary to obstruct and prevent the inquiry proposed by Her Majesty's Government. The Government much regretted that the inquiry had not taken place. The affairs of India were not a matter about which any pranks could be played by any statesman desiring to be taken seriously. He had said this to show that it was not the fault of the Government, nor yet of noble Lords opposite, but of a single man, that the inquiry had not taken place. But for that opposition the inquiry might have made some progress, and great disappointment was felt in India on account of its postponement. He was, however, glad to be able to take the opportunity of saying that he thought it probable that the Government might arrange for the appointment of a Commission by the Viceroy of India for the purpose of examining important questions in connection with the admission of Natives to the Civil Service in India, although he was not yet in a position to announce it authoritatively. If such an inquiry should take place in India, it would facilitate the dealing hereafter, by Parliamentary legislation, with the subject, and might tend to allay the disappointment, or, at all events, go to show that this country was not indifferent to the wants of India. He would make the Motion of which he had given Notice.

Moved, "That the Orders of the 11th and 16th of March last be discharged."—(*The Earl of Kimberley.*)

THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY: The course taken by the noble Earl is, I think, somewhat inconvenient and unusual. The excellent speech which we have just heard should have been delivered by the Under Secretary of State for India in the other House. If objection is taken in the House to anything done by my noble Friend (Lord Randolph Churchill) he is quite competent to defend himself. I should have thought the simpler plan would have been for the Under Secretary of State for India to have moved the appoint ment of the Committee in the House of Commons.

THE EARL OF KIMBERLEY: We could not do so. The Motion was blocked by the noble Lord.

THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY: But that only means that it could not come on after half-past 12 o'clock. The Government were perfectly competent to bring the subject on at an earlier hour, when there was somebody who was in a position to examine it. All my noble Friend did was to insist that the discussion should take place at a time of night when people could give attention to it, and when matters of such extreme importance as the government of India, and the controversial question as to the numbers and composition of the Committee could be properly discussed and settled by those competent to do so. The Government, however, did not choose to give the time for this important subject, and they now fall foul of my noble Friend, because he insisted upon not going on after half-past 12, and they repeat a number of objections not stated publicly, and which, if they were to be discussed at all, should have been discussed across the floor of the other House of Parliament, in face of my noble Friend, and where a decision could have been come to. If the inquiry has failed, the responsibility for its failure rests with Her Majesty's Government.

THE EARL OF KIMBERLEY: If Her Majesty' Government be in Office after the General Election they will again propose the appointment of the Indian Committee.

Motion *agreed to.*

Orders *discharged.*

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RETURNING OFFICERS) ACT (1875) AMENDMENT BILL.—(No. 162.)

(*The Lord President of the Council, Earl Spencer.*)

SECOND READING.

Order of the Day for the Second Reading read.

THE LORD PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL (Earl SPENCER), in rising to move that the Bill be now read a second time, said, that the measure was not originally a Government measure. It was introduced in "another place" by some Irish Members, and it had received various changes since. The principle of the Bill, however, as it came up to their Lordships' House, was one which contained sufficient importance, in his judgment, to justify the Government in accepting it; and therefore it was that he had undertaken to move the second reading of the measure. In further corroboration of that statement, he had to point to the Bill of his noble Friend the Secretary for Scotland (the Earl of Dalhousie), who would move the second reading of the Bill relating to Scotland when the present one had been disposed of by their Lordships. That Bill was the same as this in its general principles. He need not enter into the history of the measure in "another place." Originally there were two Bills introduced dealing with this subject; one shortly after the other. One of the Bills, however, was withdrawn, and the Bill which was now before their Lordships received a second reading in the other House. As originally introduced in the House of Commons, it was a measure to enable the making of appeals to the Taxing Officer of a Higher Court, in matters relating to charges connected with the Returning Officer's expenses. That was a very important matter, especially with regard to Ireland. Subsequently, a clause was introduced reducing the maximum charges which a Returning Officer could make on various matters. This provision was thought necessary, as a great many changes had taken place since the Act of 1875, when the costs of ballot boxes, &c. were first charged for. Those charges had now been considerably reduced, and a clause had, therefore, been introduced in the Schedule reducing the charges. Lastly, there was the introduction of a clause to throw the cost of these charges on the public rates.

THE EARL OF SELBORNE: In the counties only.

EARL SPENCER said, all those clauses had one important bearing on elections. They tended to the reduction of the cost of elections. He believed that to be a most important principle, and especially important now, when the recent changes in the representation had, to a considerable extent, enabled particular classes to have Members of their own class returned to Parliament. He attached great importance to that principle, and cordially supported it, for he thought it was desirable that no unnecessary check should be placed by the expenditure of elections on the return of those Members. There would always be a considerable personal expense connected with elections, quite independent of the necessary and unavoidable expenses which were connected with Returning Officers' charges; and he thought it was important and good policy to make these latter expenses as moderate as possible. He also cordially approved of the principle of throwing the charges on the rates, and hoped that the provision would be passed into law, just as much as the other part of the Bill dealing with the reduction of the maximum charges. The principle was no new one. At the elections of various Municipal Bodies, such as Sanitary Boards, Municipal Councils, and at those of School Boards, the expenses of the Returning Officers were charged on the public rates. He did not see why, if the principle was right in the elections of Municipal Bodies, it should not be applied to Parliamentary Elections. He, therefore, thought it was equally just and desirable to maintain the principle in this case too. He trusted that their Lordships would see fit to affirm the principle of the Bill. In regard to the portion of the Bill reducing the maximum charges of the Returning Officers, there was very little difference of opinion, and it was not a Party question. Members of the Front Opposition Bench in the other House took part in the discussion, and the clauses were amended by general consent. There was, however, he must say, some difference of opinion as to the clause he had referred to which threw the Returning Officer's expenses on to the rates, and likewise to the Schedule reducing that officer's charges for printing. The noble Marquess opposite (the Marquess of Salisbury) had given Notice that he would move the rejection of the measure. He (Earl Spencer) did not know whether the noble Marquess was desirous of throwing out the whole measure, or whether he wished to take the opinion of their Lordships only on that part of the Bill which referred to the charges being thrown on the rates. He hoped, if their Lordships wished to express an opinion upon that matter only, they would do so, and not contest the whole subject-matter of the Bill. It seemed to him that their Lordships would be placed in a very false position indeed if they showed themselves disposed to encourage unnecessary expenditure on the part of Returning Officers; for all expenditure of that sort must tend indirect to bribery and corruption at elections, as to which Parliament had, of late years, taken great pains to put down. He considered this measure to be one of very considerable importance, and one which excited very general interest in the country; and he should regret extremely if their Lordships put themselves in the false position of appearing to increase the expenditure of elections at the present time. Therefore, he sincerely trusted their Lordships would pass the Bill, the second reading of which he would now move.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª."—(*The Lord President of the Council, Earl Spencer.*)

THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY said, the noble Earl opposite (Earl Spencer) had justly told the House that the Bill was not, in the other House, a Government measure. That was a very interesting statement, because it pointed out to them the extremely delicate and artificial character of the promises that were made by Her Majesty's Government. On Thursday, the 10th of this month, the Prime Minister announced that no contentious Business in the hands of any Member of the Government would be proceeded with; but he did not say that contentious Business not then in their hands, but which would be put into their hands a few days afterwards, would not be proceeded with; and, no doubt, that constituted in the mind of the Prime Minister an enormous distinction. What the Government had done was this—they had promised that the contentious Business in their own hands should be dropped, and this they had done; but other Business in other people's hands had not been dropped, and this they were now pushing on; and that was their idea of keeping a Parliamentary promise. The Bill consisted of three parts. As it was introduced, as it passed the second reading, as it was passed through the Committee of the House of Commons, it was an unobjectionable Bill, seeing that it was a Bill for the purpose of providing an appeal for the more accurate taxation of costs of Returning Officers. If the

Bill had remained in that form, he (the Marquess of Salisbury) did not suppose that a single noble Lord would have raised any objection to it, or any discussion about it. That part of the Bill was, to his mind, purely unobjectionable; and if Her Majesty's Government were willing—as he judged from some words of the noble Earl—to accept the proposal to reduce the Bill to its original dimensions as it left the first Committee in the House of Commons, and were willing to make it their own in that sense, he would willingly withdraw all opposition to the Bill. But subsequently to that stage additions had been made to the Bill. It was re-committed, and there were two additions made to it. The first was the addition of the Schedule reducing the prices to which the Returning Officers were entitled—and which had been settled after much consultation—by the Act of 1875, to charge for certain duties which they did at the election. He thought that the Act of 1875 was introduced by Sir Henry James. It was carefully considered, and he believed it was thought satisfactory. He was not at all saying that that Act was incapable of revision, and it was possible that the prices charged might be examined with advantage. But they had not been examined. There was no Committee appointed to consider them; there was no evidence before their Lordships to show the grounds on which the arbitrary figures now inserted in the Schedule were substituted for those existing at present by law. The operation had been performed at the beginning of June of putting the Schedule into the Bill, and naturally the Returning Officers—especially imagining it to be an Irish Bill—the English Returning Officers did not bestir themselves very much about it till the discussions had taken place recently, and then they awoke to what was going on. He had received a large number of representations from Returning Officers in every part of the country, complaining that this new Schedule of prices had been inserted in the Bill apparently without any examination or evidence as to their justness, and that some of them were utterly absurd. He would give some instances of the objections which they took. In the first place, the deposit which had to be made by candidates was very largely reduced. Now, their Lordships would see that these deposits were a very important matter; because they did not always know that when a candidate had passed through his election he was a person from whom they might get anything. They might or they might not; and, therefore, it was only reasonable that some kind of security should be given to the Returning Officer that he should be enabled to recover those charges, and so that he should not be put to the difficult processes of law in order to recover. Under the present law, the deposit required in a county of average size was from £550 to £700. Under the law as it was to be, the deposit was reduced to £200. The fall was, therefore, very great. If the fall was too great, the loss fell entirely on the Returning Officer—that was to say, on the Sheriffs. It was but reasonable, therefore, that they should take precautions to ascertain, before they allowed this great change, that it had not been made unjustly. Then, again, by the law as it stood at present, £7 7*s.* were allowed to the Returning Officer for fitting up a polling booth; the Bill reduced the sum to £2. There were other matters of much smaller degree; for instance, the charge for a ballot box was to be 10*s.*, whereas, under the law as it at present stood, it was £1 1*s.*; 10*s.* was allowed for a stamping instrument under the Act of 1875, but it was now proposed to reduce that sum to 2*s.* 6*d.*; and he was informed that no good stamping instrument could be bought for less than 7*s.* 6*d.* The result of all this was hard, indeed, on the Returning Officers. He had communications from Returning Officers in Essex, Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Middlesex, some Irish Returning Officers, and from the Town Clerk of Flint, who acted as Returning Officer in neighbouring Welsh counties, and they all stated that these reductions had been made without any facts to base them on, and would be eminently unjust. A Returning Officer for the county of Middlesex said that, under the Bill as it now stood, it was perfectly clear that the next Election would cost the Sheriffs and Under Sheriffs a considerable sum under the present scale, and that the present Bill would be properly called "A Bill for fining the Sheriffs £500 a-piece." He did not think anyone would desire that those expenses should be greater than they need be; but they ought to pause before they passed a scale on such an utter want of evidence as had been displayed in regard to this. Then, as to the part which dealt with the transfer of these charges to the rates. On the 11th of June, the day after the Prime Minister had announced that no more contentious Business would be taken, at 3 o'clock in the morning, in a thin House, Mr. Labouchere moved the recommittal of the Bill with respect to this clause, and carried by, he believed, a majority of 93 to 67, a clause throwing the expenses of the Returning Officer on the rates in counties only. Why counties only had been selected solely for that privilege he could not conceive, but so it was. Let their Lordships observe the peculiarities of this piece of legislation. In the first place, at the time the Motion was brought forward in the House of Commons the securities given by the half-past 12 Rule were evaded by recommitment, a stage later than that to which the half-past 12 Rule applied. Therefore, there was no security for the attendance of Members. But not only was that the case, but it was brought on at a time when the House was paralyzed by the announcement of a Dissolution, for, with no disrespect to the House of Commons, he might say that he had always found that it was not at such times in possession of all its Constitutional faculties. Half the Members or more were away in the country looking after their seats, all Governmental discipline was relaxed, and probably more than one Member of the Government was stumping in one part or another of the country. There was no sufficient supervision of any kind. He did not think, at any time, a measure of this kind should be passed on the responsibility of a private Member, for it ought to be on the sole responsibility of the Government; but it seemed to him that to pass, at 3 o'clock in the morning, at a stage of the Bill when further reconsideration was almost impossible, and to pass it in spite of the promise of the Government that no contentious Business should be taken, a measure which would save the Members of the House of Commons who might take a part in the coming Election an expenditure of some £200 or £300 savoured somewhat of self-interest, and was not a proceeding which their Lordships ought to approve. He did not wish it to be supposed that such a motive was present to their minds—such a contention would be absurd; but when the House of Commons sought to put such charges on the public purse there ought to be some amount of decorum observed in such proceedings, and they had the right to ask that they should be taken only when they could be fully considered and discussed. He did not wish to go into the policy of this proposal; but he was afraid the danger of this sort of legislation would, of course, be the encouragement of vexatious contests. If they removed from the candidates the absolutely obligatory expenses of the Returning Officer, a man might enter into a contest with practically no fear of a monetary penalty to himself, and yet he might put his opponent to £1,200 or £1,500 costs. It must be obvious that such a measure as that would not only not diminish the cost of elections, but, on the contrary, largely increase them. He must say also a word for the poor ratepayer. Why was this charge to be put upon him? Why not the taxpayer? Why should not the expense be paid out of the taxes, for surely, if anything, it was an Imperial, not a local, concern? The noble Earl had told them that that was no new principle, since the cost of electing School Boards, Sanitary Boards, and Municipal Bodies was placed upon the rates. But those were all local Bodies levying local rates. But why should this charge go upon the rates; why was it to fall upon real property alone? He could conceive of no reason why that should be so. But the proposal was objectionable on another ground. Mr. Labouchere could not, by the Rules of the House of Commons, have made this fall on the taxation of the country, because of the Rule which provided that a Minister of the Crown alone could move for fresh taxation; and that alone made it objectionable. He (the Marquess of Salisbury) did not venture to forecast whether that proposal, in its substance, would ever be accepted by Parliament, because, if it was, he said with all confidence that the money ought to be provided on the responsibility of a Minister of the Crown, and voted in the face of the country. He did not suppose their Lordships in that case would interfere; but, if they did, it would submit the matter to the judgment of the country, and, at any rate, the burden would be put on the proper persons. That piece of legislation was exceedingly unhappy. He believed the precedent would be an exceedingly bad one, and he felt that they ought to insist on a full consideration of such measures; and though he was perfectly willing to accept an arrangement by which they would return to the original Bill as it passed through the Committee in the House of Commons, if the Government would not accept that arrangement he must ask their Lordships to pronounce whether the Bill should be read a second time or not.

Amendment *moved,* to leave out ("now") and add at the end of the Motion ("this day six months.")—(*The Marquess of Salisbury.*)

THE EARL OF SELBORNE said, he wished to point out to noble Lords opposite that it was an error of the noble Marquess opposite (the Marquess of Salisbury) that the Bill was not limited to counties. In the second Schedule it would be found that in the case of boroughs the borough rate was to bear the expense. He was, however, convinced by the arguments of the noble Marquess that the matters of detail of the expenses of Returning Officers might require more consideration than they seemed to have received, while the very important question of the payment of the expenses out of the rates ought not to have been introduced in the manner which had been stated into a Bill for a different purpose, and on the eve of a Dissolution.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA (The Earl of KIMBERLEY) said, he was of opinion that there was a great deal to be said in favour of the principle of payment of expenses from the rates. There were, however, objections, which he was not able entirely to remove, seeing that the noble Marquess did not rest his objection to the Bill chiefly on policy, but rather on the manner in which the Bill had been brought before their Lordships. He (the Earl of Kimberley) wished the noble Marquess had said a little more with regard to the policy of the Bill. He (the Earl of Kimberley) defended that policy, having always considered it a hardship that comparatively poor men should have to pay a heavy fine for the privilege of entering Parliament and serving the public. He was quite certain that was not the best way to secure good candidates. With regard to the observations of the noble Marquess as to a Bill of this character being forced through Parliament on the eve of a Dissolution, if precedents were needed they had been furnished by noble Lords opposite themselves. Notwithstanding the strong protests of himself and other noble Lords on that side of the House, in 1880, a Bill with regard to election law, the conveyance of voters to the poll in boroughs, was actually brought into the House and forced through in the last few days before a Dissolution, and after that Dissolution had been announced. If, therefore, they relied on precedents, noble Lords opposite had themselves set one in favour of the manner in which this Bill was presented. He urged their Lordships not to reject the Bill on the ground that the matter was one which specially concerned the other House of Parliament, and did not specially affect this House; and as to the Commons not having given sufficient discussion to it, that was clearly a matter of which the Commons were the best judges. He was, however, informed, on the contrary, that a great deal of consideration was given to it. However, Her Majesty's Government would not press the Bill in its present shape. They were willing to omit that part of the Bill which threw the cost of elections on the ratepayers; and he trusted, on that understanding, the noble Marquess would withdraw his opposition. He hoped that the noble Marquess would make some concession, and would not press his opposition to that part of the Schedule which related to the Returning Officers' charges. [The Marquess of SALISBURY dissented.] The noble Marquess shook his head; but he did not see why noble Lords should be so exceedingly anxious to protect the pockets of the Sheriff. Still, he thought the House should not reject a Bill which effected a very necessary reform, merely because noble Lords opposite would not accept the proposals of the measure on those two points. Although he should be extremely glad if the noble Marquess would not press his opposition to the Returning Officers' charges, still, if he insisted, he would rather the Bill should pass without the provisions in that behalf than be lost altogether.

THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY said, he thought the noble Earl had met them in a very handsome spirit; but he wished to know whether the other House would accept this arrangement, because he did not want the question to be fought out again within two hours of the Prorogation.

THE EARL OF KIMBERLEY said, he could only speak for themselves—he could not answer for the other House.

THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY said, he did not expect that; but what he wanted to understand was, that if the Bill came back with these clauses re-inserted their Lordships would reject them.

THE EARL OF KIMBERLEY said, that after the engagement entered into the Government would certainly resist the clauses.

Amendment (by leave of the House) *withdrawn.*

Motion *agreed to;* Bill read 2^a accordingly, and *committed* to a Committee of the Whole House *To-morrow.*

CONVEYANCING (SCOTLAND) ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

(*The Earl of Dalhousie.*)

(NO. 163.) SECOND READING.

Order of the Day for the Second Reading read.

THE SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND (The Earl of DALHOUSIE), in moving that the Bill be now read a second time, said, that it was a highly technical one, which he believed had the general approval of the Legal Bodies of Edinburgh, with the exception of the Society of Writers to the Signet, from whom he had received a telegram, only half an hour ago, intimating their disapproval. The Bill was proposed with the view of amending the Act of 1874. The 1st clause—and to the rest, he thought, no exception would be taken—was intended to limit the right of the superior in the form in which it was limited prior to 1874. According to the law of Scotland, among the casualties or incidental rights attaching to the ownership of land, or, as it was called, an estate of superiority, was first relief, which was a year's feu duty (in addition to the ordinary feu duty), payable to a superior by the heir of a vassal on his succession to lands held in feu. The heir relieved the lands out of the superior's hands into which they were held to fall by the vassal's death. Secondly, there was composition, the entry money or fine payable by a stranger or purchaser. Sometimes this was a matter of special agreement, otherwise it amounted to one year's rent. From the earliest times down to 1874 a conveyance or sale by a vassal did not entitle his superior to require the disponee or purchaser to obtain an entry from the superior, and to pay the year's rent which was exigible therefor upon the death of the vassal and the feu becoming vacant, if the purchaser could show that the heir—that was, the heir of the last entered vassal—was willing so to enter. Accordingly, where the heir was willing so to enter, the superior's right to exact a casualty was limited to a duplicand of the feu duty. The right to exact a composition was always regarded as a severe penalty; and it had this drawback—that it tended to prevent improvements, for the more the owner added to the value of his property the greater the penalty became. Prior to 1874 the completion of a title by entry with the superior, in cases alike of succession and of sale, necessitated the execution of a great number of deeds and instruments of different kinds. The main object of the Act of that year was to remove the necessity for those deeds, and, apparently, to leave the pecuniary relations of superior and vassal as to casualties to stand as they would have done if the deeds had actually been executed. It provided that a proprietor with a duly completed title should be held, as at the date of registration, to be "duly entered with his superior." It also provided that such implied entry should not entitle any superior to demand any casualty sooner than he could, either by the law prior to that Act or by the conditions of the feu right, have required the vassal to enter, or to pay such casualty irrespective of his entering. Those words negatived the view which was taken in some quarters, that the superior was intended to reap any pecuniary advantage from the change in the law made by the Act of 1874. The practical effect of the "implied entry" introduced in 1874 had been largely to increase the rights of superiors. It had been judicially held that a singular successor was not now entitled any longer to put forward the heir of the last entered vassal, and so to delay the necessity for his own entering, and paying the year's rent during the lifetime of that heir. It did not appear that the right to tender an heir for entry was ever looked upon as a grievance, and, besides, there was nothing in the Statute of 1874 to show that this was in any way the theory of its powers. Clause 1 of the present Bill was intended to limit the right of the superior in the way in which it was limited prior to 1874. If an heir could be put forward, the singular successor was to be entitled to put him forward as he previously might have done; and the unforeseen effect of that statute, which had largely increased the superior's casualties, would now be removed, and he and the vassal be placed as regarded the payment of casualties on the footing on which they stood prior to that Act. It might be said that the singular successor had his own remedy under the Act of 1874, and might redeem or commute his casualties as provided for under that Act. But that was not an answer to the argument that the result of the action of the statute in other respects had been to enhance the value of superiorities. If a proprietor by building had increased the value of his land by £2,000 or £3,000 per annum, the original feu duty being £40 or £50, he had now to pay the whole £2,000 or £3,000 as composition, where he would formerly have been able to put the heir of the last vassal forward, and to have satisfied the superior's legal claims by a payment of the £40 or £50. He thought that no exception was likely to be taken to the other clauses of the Bill, which he could assure their Lordships was a just and proper one, and one which he would ask them to read a second time.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª."—(*The Earl of Dalhousie.*)

THE DUKE OF ARGYLL, in objecting to the Motion, said, that although the Bill had been described as involving a technical legal subject, he was afraid that it would be found to have a most serious practical effect. The real effect of the measure was very important, as it would deprive the lords of the manor of their just rights and dues over a large portion of their estates, and to hand over to the purchasers that which they had not purchased. The measure had passed very quietly through the House of Commons; indeed, so quietly, that very few persons in Scotland knew anything about it; and it was only in the House of Lords that effectual resistance could now be offered to it. The Bill was opposed by the Royal burghs of Edinburgh and Dundee, who were, to a very large extent, superiors of land, and they had borrowed money upon the security of the revenues which they derived from such land, and they now objected to a measure which would materially affect those revenues. He denied that the legal authorities in Scotland approved of the Bill as drafted; and, although the Faculty of Advocates in Edinburgh had doubtless approved of the principle of the Bill, yet they had sent up such a number of Amendments to it, that it would take a Committee several days to consider them. Beyond that, the Writers to the Signet had, by a very large majority, condemned the Bill. He maintained that the Act of 1874 was an equitable settlement, and that it was unjust that it should be disturbed now. He therefore asked their Lordships not to pass such a measure as this in the last few days of the Session.

LORD WATSON said, that he certainly was not prepared to approve of the measure in its present form. He ventured to think that that Bill was not calculated to attain the ends which the Government had in view; but if certain portions of it were recast, and worded in a more precise manner, he should not offer any very great objection to its passing. The matter was one requiring very great consideration; and if that consideration could now have been given to it, he should not have been inclined to throw out the Bill. He would admit, with regard to the Act of 1874, that it contained some defects which required amendment; but in regard to a measure of that kind, coming before their Lordships at that time of the Session, it appeared to him to be utterly impracticable either to acquire the information that was necessary for the purpose of such legislation, or to put the Bill into such a shape as would render it proper for their Lordships' House to pass it.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Lord HERSCHELL) said, that a measure had been introduced in the other House by a private Member for dealing with that subject, which was felt to be one on which some legislation was needed. That measure was objected to by the present Law Officers for Scotland and also by the Law Officers of the late Government, and it was thought to be perfectly unworkable. Nevertheless, the second reading was carried in the other House; and the Lord Advocate himself, therefore, introduced a measure on the subject, which was approved by the Scotch Law Officers of the late Government, and which passed through the House of Commons. He thought that it could not, under the circumstances, be justly alleged that the Bill had been brought in in breach of any understanding come to in 1874. Its object was to make the law what it was believed that Parliament had intended it should be. He said nothing now as to the difficulty of discussing its details at that period of the Session; but it seemed to him that that was a measure which had been quite fairly and properly introduced and passed through the House of Commons, there being a consensus of opinion that it went in the direction of correcting an error which had crept into the legislation of 1874. It could not, therefore, be alleged, as had been the case, that it was an unjust Bill.

THE DUKE OF ARGYLL briefly replied.

THE EARL OF DALHOUSIE said, he understood from the noble and learned Lord opposite (Lord Watson) that if Clause 1 was recast, and worded in a more precise manner, he should not take very great objection to the measure. He would admit that considerable opposition had been suddenly shown to the Bill by the Society of Writers to the Signet and other important Bodies in Edinburgh, Dundee, and other places, at the last moment; but he felt so far supported by the noble and learned Lord opposite, that he was greatly tempted to ask the House to read the Bill a second time, undertaking to obviate the objection he had taken.

On Question? *Resolved* in the *negative.*

INTERNATIONAL AND COLONIAL COPYRIGHT BILL.—(No. 144.)

(*The Lord Chancellor.*)

THIRD READING.

Order of the Day for the Third Reading read.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Lord HERSCHELL), in moving that the Bill be now read the third time, said, that the Colonial Office had received the assent of all the Colonies to the measure, except New South Wales. The answer of that Colony had not yet been received; but the Agent General had intimated that he would be satisfied if the Bill passed in its present form, with the understanding that New South Wales should not be included, and that, if ultimately it should be so desired, legislation dealing with the point should be introduced as stated by him the other day.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 3ª."—(*The Lord Chancellor.*)

Motion *agreed to;* Bill read 3ª accordingly, and *passed.*

MEDICAL ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

(*The Lord President of the Council, Earl Spencer.*)

(NO. 155.) COMMITTEE.

House in Committee (according to order).

Clauses 1 to 6, inclusive, *agreed to,* with an Amendment.

Clause 7 (Members of General Council).

THE DUKE OF RICHMOND AND GORDON, in moving an Amendment to provide that the University of Aberdeen and the University of St. Andrew's should each be represented on the Medical Council by one member, instead of collectively sending one member, as was proposed, said, he must confess he was very much astonished to find the Lord President of the Council treating the University of Aberdeen in the way he had done, by linking it with St. Andrew's in sending a representative to the Medical Council. This was the only case where the Universities were bracketed; while he found that the Bill proposed to give one member each to the University of Durham and Victoria University. It seemed to him somewhat odd that the Victoria University of Manchester, which received its Charter in 1878, should have separate representation, and be taken out of its union with Durham University. By bracketing St. Andrew's and Aberdeen Universities, the last-named founded in 1494, a slight was thrown upon this body which was undeserved. The Medical School of Manchester was still in embryo; but it was generally conceded that there was no better Medical School in the Kingdom than that which existed in the University of Aberdeen. Aberdeen was the only University in the whole United Kingdom which was proposed to be dealt with in this manner; and he thought the two English Universities should be bracketed in the matter of representation as originally proposed, rather than those of Aberdeen and St. Andrew's. He could not understand what could have induced the Lord President of the Council to cast such a slur on the University of Aberdeen, of which he (the Duke of Richmond and Gordon) had the honour to be Chancellor. He would, therefore, ask their Lordships to accept his Amendment, and to insert in the clause the words "the University of Aberdeen and the University of St. Andrew's."

Moved, in page 5, to leave out lines 3, 4, 5, and 6, and insert ("The University of Aberdeen." "The University of St. Andrew's.")—(*The Duke of Richmond and Gordon.*)

THE EARL OF MILLTOWN said, he hoped that the House would not accept the Amendment moved by his noble Friend (the Duke of Richmond and Gordon). Nothing could be further from the intentions of the framers of the Bill than to cast any slur upon the Universities of Aberdeen and St. Andrew's. The question of the number of representatives of each part of the United Kingdom had been discussed, and after great difficulty a compromise had been agreed upon by which England was to have eight, Scotland six, and Ireland five representatives. If the proposal of the noble Duke were carried it would entirely upset this arrangement. The Universities of England were to have five Members, those of Scotland three, and those of Ireland only two; but if the Amendment should be agreed to, he would propose that the University of Dublin should have two members, instead of one, on the Council.

THE DUKE OF ARGYLL, in supporting the Amendment, said that, speaking on behalf of Scotland, he should not object to Ireland having any number of representatives on the Board, if she had as many Bodies qualified to examine as Scotland had. It was entirely a question of the number of University and other Bodies in the United Kingdom capable of examining in medicine. Nationality had nothing to do with the question, and if Scotland had a large number of representatives it was only in consequence of the great number of Universities and Schools of Medicine that she possessed.

THE LORD PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL (Earl SPENCER) said, that he was unable to accept the Amendment of the noble Duke, because his doing so would cause a great deal of dissatisfaction, and raise difficulties and objections which were now set at rest. The noble Duke opposite had charged him with showing want of respect for the University of Aberdeen. He had no desire whatever to do that; but if he had done so the noble Duke himself had done the same in former years, because in two Bills which the noble Duke proposed Aberdeen was linked with St. Andrew's. Aberdeen had never had distinct representation, but had always been linked with another University. The Amendment, if adopted, would not only destroy the balance between the three countries; it would also destroy the balance between the different Corporations and Universities, and cause great difficulty. Moreover, there was a section of the Bill which enabled the Privy Council at any future time to increase the direct representation, and, if it should think fit, to give any University distinct and separate representation. He trusted that the noble Duke would be content with that clause, and would withdraw his Amendment.

THE EARL OF ROSSE said, he was entirely opposed to the Amendment, contending that there was very great objection to making the alteration proposed.

THE DUKE OF RICHMOND AND GORDON said, he should go to a division.

On Question, "That the lines proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause?"

Their Lordships *divided*:—Contents 41; Not-Contents 44: Majority 3.

Resolved in the *negative.*

Clause *amended*, and *agreed to.*

Remaining clauses *agreed to*, with Amendments.

Schedule *agreed to.*

The Report of the Amendments to be received *To-morrow*; and Bill to be *printed* as amended. (No. 187.)

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS (IMPROVEMENT EXPENSES) BILL.—(No. 143.)

(*The Earl of Jersey.*)

SECOND READING.

Order of the Day for the Second Reading read.

THE EARL OF JERSEY, in moving that the Bill be now read a second time, said, that its object was to enable the Sanitary Authorities to make certain improvements in private streets and to charge the cost to the owners. The measure contained provisions which would secure the protection of the private owners.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª."—(*The Earl of Jersey.*)

LORD HALSBURY said, he thought that many of the provisions of the measure were objectionable, and that their Lordships would be taking a great responsibility upon themselves if they were to pass it at this period of the Session, when it was impossible that it could receive due consideration.

LORD SUDELEY (for the Local Government Board) said, that Department had carefully considered the measure, and they were of opinion that it ought to be allowed to pass.

Motion *agreed to*; Bill read 2ª accordingly, and *committed* to a Committee of the Whole House *To-morrow*.

JURORS' DETENTION BILL.—(No. 142.)

(*The Lord FitzGerald.*)

SECOND READING.

Order of the Day for the Second Reading read.

LORD FITZGERALD, in moving that the Bill be now read a second time, said, that its object was to enable a Judge, if he should think fit, in the graver cases of felony lasting several days, to allow the jurors to separate and to go home.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª."—(*The Lord FitzGerald.*)

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Lord HERSCHELL) said, he was unable to assent to the proposal contained in the Bill. Under the present rule, there were very few cases in which jurors were locked up all night; and he thought it was undesirable that, in cases involving life and death, jurors should be allowed to separate and very likely be subjected to influences. It was said that this was merely a permissive measure; but it was undesirable to throw too great responsibility upon a Judge in such a matter.

LORD HALSBURY said, he entirely concurred with what had fallen from the noble and learned Lord (the Lord Chancellor), and hoped that their Lordships would not agree to the second reading of that Bill.

On Question? *Resolved* in the *negative.*

TITHE RENT-CHARGE (EXTRAORDINARY) REDEMPTION BILL.

(*The Lord Sudeley.*)

(NO 174.) SECOND READING.

Order of the Day for the Second Reading read.

LORD SUDELEY (for the Home Department), in moving that the Bill be now read a second time, said, that the subject of Extraordinary Tithe had constantly been before Parliament, and in 1881 a Select Committee of the House of Commons went very fully into the whole subject. They reported in favour of the abolition of those charges; but up to this time it had been found impossible to pass any Bill. This year three Bills were introduced in the House of Commons, and were referred to a Select Committee. The result of that Committee was that they reported in favour of that Bill. It was agreed to as a fair compromise amid many difficult and complicated questions connected with it, and contained many of the good points in the other Bills. He believed that the Committee, which was a very strong one, and represented all the different interests in this matter, were almost unanimous in favour of that compromise. As the House was aware, great interest attached to the question, and the state of feeling which occasionally arose in the counties of Kent and Sussex made it most important that that settlement should not be delayed. The greatest possible friction existed, and riots had often occurred, and men had been sent to prison; while there prevailed a general feeling throughout those two counties that it was an unfair burden which should be settled in a reasonable way. The Committee of 1881 said—

> "Most of the witnesses had agreed in the opinion that the imposition of extraordinary tithe is an impediment to agriculture, hampering new cultivation, and that it should be removed if possible. . . . They were also in favour of redemption on equitable terms, but there was great difference of opinion as to the mode of such redemption and the terms on which it should be made compulsory."

The Act containing the provisions respecting Extraordinary Tithe was imposed in 1836 as a compromise between the view taken by Lord John Russell and that taken by Mr. Hume. The result was tithe on hops, fruit, and vegetables was separated from the ordinary tithe, but was attached to the crop, so that when that particular cultivation ceased the Extraordinary Tithe ceased to be payable. Sir James Caird pointed out, in his evidence before a Select Committee in 1881, that the great difficulty in the question of redemption was due, in a great measure, to this vanishing quantity, since the tithepayer might discontinue the cultivation and cease to pay. The object of the present Bill was to commute the present Extraordinary Tithe into a fixed rent-charge, at what might be considered fair market value by the Land Commissioners on each farm. The mode of estimating that was carefully set out in Clause 3. Although hops could not be grown on one piece of land more than 10 or 12 years, another piece of land was generally substituted, and that was to be taken into consideration; while, on the other hand, the right of the cultivator to discontinue that special cultivation was to be considered. The object had been to state the case in a thoroughly fair manner, and it would be impossible to find a fairer tribunal than the Land Commissioners. Clause 4 fixed the interest at 4 per cent. There were powers of redemption and other matters of detail with which he would not trouble their Lordships. He was told that all the Members for Kent were in favour of the Bill, which he thought proved it was a fair compromise. Of this there could be no doubt—that it was greatly to the interest of all concerned, landlords, tenants, clergy, and the public at large, to have that much-vexed question settled. He was informed, at the last moment, that the Commissioners of Queen Anne's Bounty objected to the Bill being passed on the ground that they were seriously affected, and had not had an opportunity of giving evidence before the Select Committee. He hardly knew how that could be; but, at any rate, he trusted that no objection would be raised at that stage. As he had already said, that was practically the outcome of two Select Committees, and he asked their Lordships to give the Bill a second reading as a fair compromise to all concerned.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª."—(*The Lord Sudeley.*)

Lord HARRIS said, that the Bill would crystallize and make unalterable that which at present was possessed of elasticity. By this Act they were going to make compulsory a perpetual payment for the cultivation which might not exist in 10 years' time. They had also to remember that in this matter of hops they were likely to be subject to much foreign competition, and he should not be surprised to see in a few years a largely increased amount of foreign hops, whether from America or elsewhere, coming into competition with the product of this country. The result of this state of things must be a curtailment of the acreage of land growing hops; and, in view of this contingency, they were about to fix a perpetual charge on land which might not, in the course of a few years, be able to compete with land not in cultivation. As a tithepayer, he was glad that the Bill had been introduced, if only to put an end to those unfortunate scenes of violence and riot which had taken place in certain portions of our Southern counties. He did not blame those persons who resisted the tithes so much as those other persons who, possessing education and intelligence, were guilty of inciting them. The Bill was based on agitation; but still he trusted that its results would be beneficial.

Earl BEAUCHAMP said, he did not object to the second reading of the Bill on the same grounds as his noble Friend who had just spoken. It was said that the Bill was a compromise; but he should like to know who were the parties to the compromise? The persons really interested in this question were the clergy. He had but recently received communications from clergymen, stating that the clergy, as a body, had not had an opportunity of examining the Bill, and how far their interests were affected by it. He deprecated attempts of this kind being made to hurriedly pass, at the close of a Parliament, a complicated measure of this character, especially when it had not received that attention to which it was entitled.

THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (The Duke of BUCKINGHAM and CHANDOS) said, he would refrain from entering into the merits of the Bill, or from discussing the principle of the compromise. He wished to draw attention to the fact that the Bill affected, to a very considerable extent, the income of the clergy. It dealt with charges which had been created by Parliament under the sanction of Parliament on the security of income arising from tithe rent-charges. Parliament had authorized the clergy to borrow, for certain purposes, on the incomes of their incumbencies. In doing so it also limited the amount which should be raised, fixing the amount at four years' income of the incumbency. A large number of mortgages now existed. Among the hop parishes he found that there were no fewer than 150 mortgages, towards the payment of which £5,000 was received last year from the incomes of the benefices. If the income of the clergy were reduced, if they received no adequate compensation for what they were about to give up, they would suffer great hardship for many years in the endeavour to pay off these charges. Had the Bill not been so hastily pressed forward, this question, it was hoped, would have received adequate consideration. The adoption of that course of procedure had also caused great inconvenience, for until the 15th instant the clergy could not obtain a copy of the Bill as amended in Committee, and up till Saturday they were not able to get a copy of the Bill as it passed the other House. He hoped the Bill would not be hurried forward until fair opportunity was given to the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty to state their case.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY (Dr. BENSON) said, he quite agreed that the difficulties of the question were very great, and they had been greatly increased by the speed with which the present attempt to legislate on the subject had come before their Lordships, and before the House of Commons also. The present arrangement with regard to that portion of tithe which was called "extra-ordinary" was introduced in 1836 in the interest, not of the clergy, but of the tithepayers, and at their own request; and if the tithepayers wished now that a change should be made, he might safely say, on the part of the clergy, that they had no objection, provided a just and equitable arrangement were made. The Bill did provide a tribunal to which none of the clergy objected. If the Land Commissioners were unable to say what the real value of the tithe was, and to carry out the arrangement with perfect equity, no tribunal could do so. Some good points had been introduced into the Bill, such, for instance, as the estimation of each parcel of land affected. Regard being had to its antiquity, it would be only right that priority should be distinctly assigned to that charge over all incumbrances; and if ordered to be paid by the landowner a great stumbling block would be removed out of the way of the clergy. He had consulted many authorities on the subject, and he was assured by them that this was as fair a compromise as could be expected under the circumstances. He had had no opportunity of consulting his clergy who were most interested, and he ought to have had an opportunity. But they all knew, and deeply felt, that the spiritual work of the Church was greatly hindered, not only in particular parishes, where the disgraceful scenes of disorder had occurred, but in other parishes, and in the whole Church. The sore had been kept open many years, and was likely to continue open, unless the compromise were agreed to. He was disposed, therefore, to think that this was such a compromise as it would be wise for the clergy, as well as the laity, to accept. He should consent to the second reading if they were assured that the Government would give a fair and candid consideration to the objections which were being urged by the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty. The payment of the mortgages was to them the key of the position, and if they received the pledge he had mentioned they would offer no opposition to the Bill; but he hoped a distinct assurance would be given on that point.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA (The Earl of KIMBERLEY) said, he understood there would be a deputation from the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty to-morrow at the Home Office, and the objections which they had to urge would be seriously weighed and considered. He could only hope that they would be able to arrive at such an understanding as would enable the Bill to become law in the present Session.

Motion *agreed to;* Bill read 2ª accordingly, and *committed* to a Committee of the Whole House *To-morrow.*

SHOP HOURS REGULATION BILL.

(*The Lord Sudeley.*)

(NO. 186.) SECOND READING.

Order of the Day for the Second Reading read.

LORD SUDELEY (for the Home Department), in moving that the Bill be now read a second time, said, that it had been passed by the other House of Parliament on the recommendation of a Select Committee which had sat on the subject. It was intended to put a stop to the excessive length of time that young persons were sometimes employed in shop, in some cases 85 hours a-week, especially in districts frequented by the working classes. In wholesale warehouses it was also found that the packing and entering clerks were detained until very late at night. It had been found impossible to take any step towards compulsory closing at certain times; but all parties seemed agreed that this Bill went a long way in the right direction. The Bill had been before a Select Committee, and had been thoroughly considered. Under Clause 3, no young person could be employed longer than 74 hours in one week, including meal hours. Under Section 2, no person could be employed in a shop who had already been employed in a factory or workshop for the number of hours specified in the Act of 1875. The only objection that had been raised to the Bill had been that there was no way of insuring its being carried out. It had been found quite impossible to appoint Inspectors at present; but all parties were satisfied that the moral effect of the Bill would be very great.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª."—(*The Lord Sudeley.*)

The Earl of Kimberley

VISCOUNT CRANBROOK said, that he did not intend to oppose the Bill, though he was not very sanguine that any good would result from it. Without Inspectors it was impossible to ascertain whether the Act was being complied with, or to take steps for enforcing it. As, however, it might possibly be of some benefit, he should not raise any opposition to its passing.

THE EARL OF WEMYSS said, that he would reserve his opposition to the Bill till its next stage.

EARL BEAUCHAMP gave Notice that in Committee he would move the omission of the Proviso applying the Bill to public-houses and houses of refreshment.

Motion *agreed to;* Bill read 2ª accordingly, and *committed* to a Committee of the Whole House *To-morrow.*

SEA FISHING BOATS (SCOTLAND) BILL [H.L.]

Commons amendments *considered* (according to order); several *agreed to;* one *disagreed to,* and one *agreed to* with amendments: A Committee appointed to prepare a reason to be offered to the Commons for the said disagreement: The Committee to meet *forthwith:* Report from the Committee of a reason prepared by them; read, and *agreed to;* and a message sent to the Commons to return the said Bill with the reason and amendments.

COUNTY COURTS CONSOLIDATION BILL.

(*The Lord Chancellor.*)

(NO. 151.) SECOND READING.

Order of the Day for the Second Reading read.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Lord HERSCHELL), in moving that the Bill be now read a second time, said, that he did not intend to proceed further with that Bill. It was a measure to consolidate into one Act the law relating to County Courts now contained in no less than 11 Acts of Parliament. He only wished to move the second reading for the purpose of calling attention to the Bill, for however carefully a Consolidation Bill might be drawn it was impossible to avoid slips and errors. He should be, therefore, obliged if those interested would favour him with criticisms on the measure.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª."—(*The Lord Chancellor.*)

Motion *agreed to:* Bill read 2ª accordingly.

LUNACY BILL.—(No. 13.)

(*The Lord Chancellor*).

COMMITTEE. BILL WITHDRAWN.

Order of the Day for the House to be put into Committee, read.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Lord HERSCHELL) said, that this was also a measure of consolidation, and he wished to repeat what he had said with regard to the previous Bill. He did not intend to proceed further with it, and he should be glad to receive criticisms with regard to it.

Order *discharged;* and Bill (by leave of the House) *withdrawn.*

House adjourned at a quarter past
Eight o'clock, till To-morrow,
a quarter past Ten o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

Monday, 21*st June*, 1886.

MINUTES.]—SELECT COMMITTEE—*Report*—National Provident Insurance [No. 208].

Considered in Committee—EAST INDIA (REVENUE ACCOUNTS).

PRIVATE BILL (*by Order*)—*Considered as amended*—Belfast Main Drainage.

PUBLIC BILLS—*First Reading*—Tramways Order in Council (Ireland) * [292].

Committee—Report—Municipal Franchise (Ireland) [9].

Committee—Report — Third Reading — Patents Amendment * [289], and *passed.*

Third Reading—Consolidated Fund (Appropriation); Public Works Loans * [288], and *passed.*

Withdrawn—Friendly Societies (Transmission of Money) * [168]; Stannaries Act (1869) Amendment * [203]; Mining Leases (Cornwall and Devon) * [204].

PROVISIONAL ORDER BILLS—*Second Reading*—Local Government (No. 7) * [256].

Considered as amended—Third Reading—Local Government (Gas) * [222]; Local Government (No. 6) * [238]; Pier and Harbour * [201]; Tramways (No. 1) * [195], and *passed.*

Third Reading—Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) (No. 2) * [246]; Municipal Corporations (Scheme Confirmation) * [247], and *passed.*

PRIVATE BUSINESS.

SHANKLIN AND CHALE RAILWAY (EXTENSION TO FRESHWATER) BILL [*Lords*].

THIRD READING.

Order for Third Reading read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read the third time."—(*Sir Charles Forster.*)

MR. R. CHAMBERLAIN (Islington, W.): I rise to oppose the third reading of this Bill, and the ground on which I do so is that it proposes to confer powers on a Syndicate who do not give in return any corresponding advantages to the public.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, order! If the hon. Member opposes the Bill it must stand over until the next day of the sitting of the House.

Bill to be read the third time upon *Thursday.*

PRIVATE BILLS.—RESOLUTION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF WAYS AND MEANS (Mr. COURTNEY) (Cornwall, Bodmin): I beg to move—

> "That Standing Orders 220 and 246, relating to Private Bills, be suspended for the remainder of the Session.
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> "That, as regards Private Bills already returned by the House of Lords, with Amendments, such Amendments be now considered.
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> "That, as regards Private Bills to be returned by the House of Lords, with Amendments, such Amendments be considered on the next sitting of the House after the day on which the Bill shall have been returned from the Lords.
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> "That, when it is intended to propose any Amendments thereto, a Copy of such Amendments shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, and notice thereof given on the day on which the Bill shall have been returned from the Lords.

Motion *agreed to.*

HULL, BARNSLEY, AND WEST RIDING JUNCTION RAILWAY AND DOCK BILL [*Lords*].

CONSIDERATION. THIRD READING.

SIR CHARLES FORSTER (Walsall) moved—

> "That Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, 223, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration."

Motion *agreed to.*

Bill *considered.*

An hon. MEMBER moved, in Clause 9, after the words "ninety pounds," to insert the word "cash."

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the word 'cash' be there inserted."

THE CHAIRMAN OF WAYS AND MEANS (Mr. COURTNEY) (Cornwall, Bodmin): I have no objection to the Amendment, although I really think it is quiteu nnecessary. The provision is that stock or shares shall not be issued at a price less than £90 per cent. Surely that, as it stands, refers to cash. As, however, the hon. Member desires to insert the word "cash" I have no objection.

Amendment *agreed to.*

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.

Bill read the third time, and *passed,* with Amendments.

RIVER SUCK DRAINAGE BILL.

CONSIDERATION. THIRD READING.

SIR CHARLES FORSTER (Walsall) moved—

> "That, in the case of the River Suck Drainage Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, 223, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration."

MR. SEXTON (Sligo, S.): I beg to move that the consideration of this Bill be postponed until to-morrow.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the consideration of the Bill be postponed until To-morrow." — (*Mr. Sexton.*)

THE CHAIRMAN OF WAYS AND MEANS (Mr. COURTNEY) (Cornwall, Bodmin): Will the hon. Member explain upon what ground he makes that Motion? I believe there is now no opposition to the Bill.

MR. SEXTON: My hon. Friend the Member for Roscommon (Mr. O'Kelly) intended to move Amendments in the Bill; but if he is satisfied I will withdraw my objection.

THE CHAIRMAN OF WAYS AND MEANS: The Amendments which have been introduced into the Bill have been made at the suggestion of the hon. Member for Roscommon.

MR. SEXTON: Then I will withdraw my opposition.

Motion, by leave, *withdrawn.*

Bill *considered.*

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time."—(*Sir Charles Forster.*)

SIR JOSEPH M'KENNA (Monaghan, S.): I should like to know something about the terms under which the Bill has been amended, or otherwise I must object to the third reading.

THE CHAIRMAN OF WAYS AND MEANS (Mr. COURTNEY) (Cornwall, Bodmin): The alterations have been made in the Bill at the suggestion of the hon. Member for Roscommon (Mr. O'Kelly). A clause has been drawn up by the hon. Member and inserted in the Bill, the effect of which is to secure that an additional number of Members on the Drainage Board shall be elected by the ratepayers within the area to which the Bill applies.

SIR JOSEPH M'KENNA: I am quite satisfied.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the hon. Gentleman withdraw his opposition to the third reading of the Bill?

SIR JOSEPH M'KENNA: Yes.

Motion *agreed to.*

Bill read the third time, and *passed.* [New Title.]

BELFAST MAIN DRAINAGE BILL

(*by Order*).

CONSIDERATION. [ADJOURNED DEBATE.]

Order read, for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question [31st May], (on Consideration of the Bill, as amended), "That the Clause (Part 12.—Municipal Franchise), be now read a second time."

Question again proposed.

Debate *resumed.*

MR. M. J. KENNY (Tyrone, Mid): The House will recollect that on the 31st of May the debate on the Motion of my hon. Friend the Member for Sligo (Mr. Sexton), to insert a new clause in this Bill for the purpose of assimilating the municipal franchise to the Parliamentary franchise, was adjourned at the request of the hon. Members who now represent Belfast. ["No!"] It was adjourned at their instigation at all events, and on the pretence that it was desired by them that the House should have an opportunity of pronouncing an opinion on the general Bill for the extension of the municipal franchise in Ireland, rather than insert in a Private Bill a clause of this kind, which is of a public nature. Since the adjournment, on the 31st of May, three weeks ago, the general Bill for the extension of the municipal franchise in Ireland has not advanced in any degree whatever, and the reason why it has not advanced is this—that hon. Members who profess a strong desire that the House of Commons and the House of Lords should have an opportunity of pronouncing an opinion on the measure have blocked the Bill. Hon. Members have given Notice from time to time of opposition to the Bill, and it has been impossible to bring it forward. The hon. Member for the City of Londonderry (Mr. Lewis) has blocked the Bill. The hon. and gallant Member for the Isle of Thanet (Colonel King-Harman), who, although an English Member, is an Irishman, also objects to the measure. In addition, it has been blocked by the hon. Member for Mid Armagh (Sir James Corry). The result has been that the Bill has made no advance, and the House of Lords has had no opportunity of pronouncing an opinion upon it, nor can it have an opportunity of doing so this Session. The House will recollect the great importance of the question. The Belfast Main Drainage Bill proposes to authorize the expenditure of £500,000 on public undertakings in Belfast; and, owing to the restricted nature of the franchise in Belfast, only a fraction of the population would have an opportunity of pronouncing an opinion on the merits of the scheme. It is proposed under this Bill to impose an annual charge of £35,000 for 35 years on the people of Belfast. What we complain of is that the great majority of the people of the town of Belfast will have no opportunity of expressing an opinion on this expenditure; and if the House sanctions the Bill they would have no opportunity of controlling the Corporation of Belfast with a view to the proper expenditure of this enormous sum of money. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking in the previous debate, stated on behalf of the Government that if the House was not afforded an opportunity of considering fully the question of the extension of the municipal franchise in Ireland, the Irish Members would, at least, be entitled to have this clause inserted in the Bill. Relying upon that declaration of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, we claim now that this clause should be inserted in this Private Bill. I cannot understand why hon. Members for Belfast, or for the North of Ireland generally, should have any objection to the introduction of this clause into the Bill. I do not believe that it is necessary to state at any great length the nature of our reasons for claiming the introduction of the clause. I believe that the clause commends itself generally to the common sense of hon. Members; and I must say that I shall be greatly surprised if the hon. Members for Belfast, some of whom have on more than one occasion advocated the extension of the municipal franchise in Ireland, and some of whom now pretend to be Tory Democrats—I shall be greatly surprised if those hon. Members offer any objection to this very fair proposition of my hon. Friend. I do not think that it will be necessary to prolong the discussion to-day, as the subject has already been rather fully considered by the House; but I have thought it necessary to recall the attention of the House to what occurred on the 31st of May. Having done so, it only remains for me to express my belief that hon. Members generally will be ready to assent to the proposal of my hon. Friend the Member for Sligo (Mr. Sexton).

Sir JAMES CORRY (Armagh, Mid): It has been stated by the hon. Member for Mid Tyrone (Mr. M. J. Kenny) that the Members for Belfast made a bargain with hon. Members below the Gangway that the consideration of this Bill should be adjourned until the question of the Municipal Franchise Bill was settled. Now, what happened was this—hon. Members below the Gangway moved the adjournment of the debate, and when they did so we consented to it, but not on any condition that the Municipal Franchise Bill should be passed, or that this clause should be inserted in the Bill. The Municipal Franchise Bill is in no way our measure. It may be a very good thing for the boroughs in Ireland; but still, at the same time, it is a question which ought to be dealt with by Her Majesty's Government, and not by a private Member. As far as I am personally concerned, I am quite prepared, when the Government take up the question, to give it the best consideration in my power; but my contention now is that a clause of this kind ought not to be inserted in a Private Bill. I do not see why this Bill should be treated differently from any other Private Bill, and I believe it is without precedent that in a Private Bill of this nature a clause such as that proposed by the hon. Member for Sligo (Mr. Sexton) should be inserted. We felt—that is the people of Belfast felt—that it is altogether unnecessary to introduce a clause of this kind into a Private Bill promoted by them for the improvement of the town of Belfast, and I cannot help thinking that the Government have taken a most extraordinary course in supporting any such proposal. The hon. Member for Sligo, in the clause which he has put down upon the Paper, made several suggestions with reference to the municipal franchise. For instance, he wants to have it assimilated to the qualification for burgesses of the borough of Dublin, and all boroughs in England and Scotland, and for such purposes he asks the House to amend the provisions of the Act for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations in Ireland, so far as regards the borough of Belfast. But the clause which has been put upon the Paper does not carry out that object in the least degree. In the first place, it proposes that the term of residence shall be changed, which will certainly not assimilate the municipal franchise in Belfast to that which prevails in England, Scotland, and Dublin. I certainly fail to see why this Bill should be put on a different footing from any other Private Bill at this period of the Session. I feel that hon. Members below the Gangway would not be in any worse position than they are now if the Bill is ordered to stand over, as other Private Bills will stand over, until the next meeting of Parliament. I feel that the question involved in this clause is one which requires a great deal of discussion; and it must be remembered that we have had Municipal Franchise Bills before this House over and over again without any clear and satisfactory decision having been arrived at. The hon. Member for Sligo stated in the previous discussion that the Municipal Franchise Bill had been rejected by the House of Lords. That, I believe, is not the case. The Municipal Franchise Bill has never yet been passed in this House. Consequently, the House of Lords never had an opportunity of dealing with it, and we do not know how they would deal with it if it came before them for consideration. If the Dissolution had not been decided upon, the promise made by the Government was that they would give facilities for the Municipal Bill to pass through its various stages in this House. They have had no opportunity of doing so owing to the Home Rule debate, which was then going on; and since the Dissolution has been announced it has been perfectly impossible for the Government to give any time for the discussion of this question. Then what we say is that this Bill ought to be introduced into the next Parliament in exactly the same position as it occupies now; and hon. Members below the Gangway will then have an opportunity of seeing whether the Municipal Franchise Bill is passed or not. I think that the hon. Member for Sligo showed no reason whatever on the former occasion why the usual precedent should be departed from, and why a clause of this kind should be inserted in a Private Bill. If the promoters of the Bill had given Notice of their intention to insert a clause of this nature in a Private Bill, they would have been at once met upon the Standing Orders by the charge that they were dealing with a great public question which was not entitled to be raised in a Private Bill. Then, again, no notice has been given to the ratepayers of Belfast that any question in reference to the municipal franchise of that borough was intended to be raised in this Bill. I altogether deny that any bargain was made that the Bill should be hung up until the Municipal Franchise Bill was passed, and I think we are fully entitled to be placed in the same position on this occasion as the promoters of other Private Bills without compelling us to insert this clause in the Belfast Bill. I think that no grounds have been shown for the course which has been adopted, and I therefore oppose the insertion of the clause.

MR. BIGGAR (Cavan, W.): I have no desire to detain the House. I only wish to say that those hon. Members who oppose this clause ought to select one of two courses. They should either say they will agree to the clause, or that they do not wish to have the Bill at all. Practically speaking, the Bill is a Bill of the Corporation of Belfast; but it is not a Bill of the inhabitants of Belfast. It was stated on the former occasion that the number of electors who return the Town Council of Belfast is something like 5,000, whereas the number of electors on the Parliamentary franchise is something like 30,000. Therefore, it is perfectly idle for hon. Members above the Gangway, who, upon all occasions, are ready to say how extremely anxious they are that the municipal franchise in Ireland should be extended, to maintain that the franchise in the town of Belfast is in anything like a satisfactory position. I do not believe if the Members for the borough of Belfast were here that they would not be ready to say that they are in favour of the extension of the municipal franchise in the Irish Parliamentary boroughs. The hon. Baronet who has just sat down (Sir James Corry) is in a peculiar position. Although he is an inhabitant of Belfast, he is the Representative of another place—Mid Armagh—and it is easy for him to say that if the question of the municipal franchise is brought forward he will give the matter his careful consideration. We know very well what careful consideration means. It means that these Gentlemen will consider the details of a Bill, and then pass some Amendments which will render the measure entirely worthless. If a man wants to support a Bill he generally says at once that he will support it, and he is not afraid of expressing his opinion. Another peculiar thing in regard to this Bill is that although the two Members for Belfast, who represent what is usually called the Town Council, and who are really the nominees of that Body, are not here to oppose this clause; on the contrary, the two democratic Members—the Members who represent the democratic non-Catholics of Belfast—are conspicuous by their absence; and what is somewhat odd is the fact that one of those Members—the hon. Member for South Belfast (Mr. Johnston)—actually introduced a Bill this Session for the extension of the municipal franchise in all the Irish boroughs. It is quite evident, therefore, that if he really desires to extend the municipal franchise he is not likely to support the rejection of this clause. As a matter of fact, a large and powerful section of those who represent the Conservative Party in the North of Ireland are as strongly in favour of the extension of the municipal franchise in Ireland as we are; yet, at the same time, there are a number of Members above the Gangway who object to the extension of popular rights, and who accordingly refuse to extend the franchise either in Belfast or in any other Irish municipality. Although hon. Members above the Gangway desire to see the general principle extended all over Ireland, they object to the insertion of this clause in a Private Bill. When the matter was before the House on a former occasion the special objection was that it was not desirable to deal with the matter in a Private Act of Parliament; at the same time, hon. Members who took that objection said they were most desirous that the general principle should be established in regard to all parts of Ireland. Although they may have privately used their personal influence in providing for the blocking of the Irish Municipal Franchise Bill, it does not seem that this action on their part has been successful; and the result is that the Irish Municipal Franchise Bill still awaits Committee, and has never yet been able to get into a position in which it could be sent to the House of Lords, so that there might be an expression of opinion upon it on the part of that House. The position which that Bill now occupies is entirely due to the conduct of the Conservative Members who sit above the Gangway. Under these circumstances, I think the House will do well to agree to the proposition of my hon. Friend the Member for Sligo (Mr. Sexton), and to adopt this Amendment; otherwise I should like to say to hon. Gentlemen above the Gangway that they will be precious well served if the Bill is thrown out altogether, and they have to begin *de novo* in a new Session of Parliament. If that were done an opportunity would be afforded for gauging the general opinion as to whether or not this scheme is the best that can be devised, and whether the inhabitants of Belfast will prefer to have it, or some more desirable scheme in its place.

Mr. PLUNKET (Dublin University): This is undoubtedly a matter of some importance, and I should like to say a very few words upon it before the House takes any action with regard to it. My object in rising is not so much to argue the merits of the clause as to make an appeal to hon. Members below the Gangway not to persist in the course they seem inclined to take, but which, I hope, they will not adopt. What will happen is this. This is a Private Bill for the purpose of improving the main drainage of Belfast, and up to a certain point this Private Bill has run its usual course. The hon. Member for Sligo (Mr. Sexton) has proposed to introduce this clause, which is a very important clause without doubt, and is really a scheme of municipal reform as far as the town of Belfast is concerned. Well, that clause was objected to by hon. Members who represent the town of Belfast, and there seems to have been a discussion upon it, from which I was unfortunately absent. I can, therefore, only say what I understand to have been the case. I am informed that the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, being in his place, although he is unfortunately not in his place now, suggested that the clause should be withdrawn, not because he objected to the principle of it, but because he considered that it was an unusual course to introduce such a proposal into a Private Bill. I think that up to that point there is no controversy between hon. Gentlemen below the Gangway and those hon. Members who sit above it; but the object of pressing forward the clause at the present moment is, I understand, this—that hon. Members below the Gangway consider that some bargain which was made with them has been violated by hon. Members who sit above the Gangway. Now, I am not going to say anything about that; but my hon. Friend who has just spoken has denied that there was any such bargain. I understand that what actually happened was this—it was proposed that the question should stand over until such time as there was an opportunity of discussing the question of the extension of the municipal franchise generally, both in the House of Commons and in "another place," in which event we might get rid of it altogether. Of course, hon. Members below the Gangway could not suppose that such an important matter as the extension of the municipal franchise in Ireland was to be discussed in Committee at any hour of the morning at which it might be brought forward. Certain hon. Members did not desire that that should happen, and therefore put down Notices of opposition which would have the effect of preventing the Bill from being taken at an unreasonable hour. Now, with a Dissolution imminent, I quite agree that it is impossible for the Municipal Franchise Bill to be discussed in both Houses of Parliament; and hon. Members below the Gangway say that, because they cannot get that Bill discussed and disposed of in the way they desire, they will, therefore, stop the Main Drainage Bill for Belfast. That seems to me to be putting the saddle on the wrong horse. It has not been the fault of hon. Members on this side of the House that the Session has been cut short. Hon. Members above the Gangway had no power to do that. It is the Government themselves who have brought about the Dissolution, and it is they who are really responsible for the breakdown of any understanding that was entered into, although my hon. Friend behind me (Sir James Corry) does not admit that there was any understanding whatever. I submit that it is quite impossible, in the present state of the House, that there could be a fair decision taken on this or any other Bill. But are you going to stop this scheme for the local improvement of Belfast, and for establishing a main drainage scheme for that town—a most important matter for the inhabitants of Belfast—simply because you want to carry out some great municipal change in regard to the Irish boroughs, but which it is impossible for you to bring about, owing to the Dissolution having suddenly come upon us? I ask, is it common sense or fair play to the inhabitants of Belfast that this should happen? I sincerely trust that hon. Members below the Gangway will withdraw the clause. Certainly, if it is pressed, I shall feel it my duty to divide against them.

The CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER (Sir William Harcourt) (Derby): The right hon. and learned Gentleman has very properly declared his entire ignorance of what took place on the last occasion. If he had been aware of it, he would not have taken so conspicuous a part in the breaking through of the whole of that arrangement. That I am certain of from what I know of the right hon. and learned Gentleman. The assertion that there was no understanding is a matter of assertion which no one who was present can maintain for a single moment. The hon. Member for West Belfast (Mr. Haslett), whom I do not see present at this moment—[Mr. HASLETT intimated that he was in his place.]—that hon. Member stated his opinion that municipal reform in the borough of Belfast was highly necessary, and he supported the idea of carrying forward the general Bill for the extension of the municipal franchise throughout the boroughs of Ireland. It was thoroughly understood that the postponement of the Drainage Bill took place simply in order that the Municipal Bill should go up to the House of Lords; and it was represented that there would be no opposition to it here. That was a distinct statement, and it was not contradicted.

MR. HASLETT (Belfast, W.): I beg distinctly to state that I never made any such statement. ["Oh!"] Hon. Members below the Gangway say "Oh!" but I repeat that I never made any such statement. I am not like some hon. Members who are repeatedly making rash statements, and are, as a rule, required to withdraw them. The right hon. Gentleman is under an entire misapprehension as to the course I took. What I did say was that I would give my support to any fair consideration of the Municipal Franchise Bill, and every fair support I could in connection with the passing of it. From that I have never receded, and by neither act nor word have I sought to block the Bill or to keep it back, nor have I broken faith in the smallest particular.

SIR WILLIAM HARCOURT: That is exactly what I said. It was not of the hon. Member that I was speaking, but of certain hon. Members who sit below him. I only alluded to what the hon. Member stated in order to show that the only representation made from the Benches opposite was in favour of the Municipal Franchise Bill, and that there was no intention whatever of obstructing its progress in this House. I represented the hon. Member as having been a supporter of municipal reform. Well, the Bill was postponed, as I was saying, upon the unanimous representation on that occasion that there would be no opposition in this House to the Municipal Bill. [*Cries of* "No!" *from the Opposition.*] That is my opinion, at any rate, and I remember that the statement was received with general assent. I think that the noble Lord the Member for East Leicestershire (Lord John Manners) spoke upon the occasion to which I refer; but he said nothing about the Municipal Bill being opposed. In point of fact, not one single word was stated by any Member of the House as to any intention to oppose the Bill. Well, what happened? The Municipal Franchise Bill came on a few days ago in regular course, and it might have been discussed and sent up to the House of Lords if the right hon. and learned Member for the University of Dublin (Mr. Plunket) had not got up to object to it. If the right hon. and learned Gentleman had not taken that course, in all probability it would have gone up to the House of Lords, and the arrangement which had been made would have been carried out in its full integrity, and there would have been no necessity to deal with the matter in this Bill. Under those circumstances, it is for the House to consider what it will do. It has been deprived by the action of the right hon. and learned Gentleman the Member for the University of Dublin of the possibility of carrying out the understanding which had been unanimously agreed to. He is the author, and not Her Majesty's Government, of the failure to carry out that arrangement. Under the circumstances, we are called upon to take one of two courses. I do not believe that by the present Motion before the House it is possible to reject this Bill altogether. I should have preferred that course, if it were possible to take it, to the course now proposed of inserting this clause in a Private Bill, because it is admitted that although not unprecedented it is an unusual course. I believe there is a precedent for it, but one which I do not think, as a general rule, ought to be followed. I refer to the Rathmines Bill. In the position in which the House has been placed by the course taken by the right hon. and learned Gentleman the Member for the

University of Dublin, I do not see that we have any other alternative than to insert this clause. I think we are bound to do that in consequence of what happened the other day. The only other possible course would be to reject the Bill altogether; and as that course is not possible in consequence of the position in which we are now placed having regard to the whole matter, and the understanding which was arrived at three weeks ago, I shall certainly support the insertion of the clause.

Mr. LEWIS (Londonderry): If there be any offender with regard to this Bill in reference to the blocking of it, and preventing it from coming on for hearing, I believe that I am that offender and no one else. I would venture to say that no one sitting on these Benches, or any other Bench, had any right or commission to speak for me, or for the course I was prepared to take, which course has been uniform from the commencement — namely, to oppose the Municipal Franchise Bill. It has been stated by the right hon. Gentleman the Chancellor of the Exchequer that the action of my right hon. and learned Friend below me (Mr. Plunket) virtually stopped the progress of the Municipal Franchise Bill. All I can say is that the Chancellor of the Exchequer is entirely mistaken, because ever since the second reading of the Bill, except on one occasion when it became a dropped Order, owing to the *laches* of those who were promoting the Bill, I have had a Motion on the Paper for the rejection of the Bill. I believe that my right hon. Friend the Member for the Basingstoke Division of Hampshire (Mr. Sclater-Booth) did, on the last occasion when the present Bill was under discussion, let fall an observation that if the Municipal Franchise Bill did not go up to the House of Lords it would be the fault of Her Majesty's Government; but what I apprehend he meant was that it would be in the power of the Government to give such facilities as would prevent the opponents of the Bill from making a successful opposition to it. The right hon. Gentleman did not say one word which could induce the Government to believe that my opposition to the Municipal Franchise Bill would not be persisted in. On behalf of my constituents I have opposed that Bill from the very first, and I intend to oppose it until the very last. The right hon. Gentleman the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in somewhat heated language, has spoken of a breach of faith. [Sir William Harcourt: I said nothing about a breach of faith.] Those words may not have been used by the right hon. Gentleman; but he has a way of accusing persons of having been guilty of a breach of faith which is peculiarly his own. If there has been a breach of faith it must have been an understanding come to between competent persons which has not been adhered to by one of the parties to it. Now, I want to know if the right hon. Gentleman means to contend that there has not been the utmost fair play on the part of the opponents of the Municipal Franchise Bill? Where has been the want of fair play? On the second reading I stated distinctly that it was only in consequence of the state of the House at that time that I did not proceed to take a division upon the matter; and I added that I should, upon its future stages, give the most strenuous opposition in my power to the measure. From that attitude I have never withdrawn for a single hour. My right hon. and learned Friend below me (Mr. Plunket) has not been an opponent of the Bill.

Sir WILLIAM HARCOURT: The right hon. and learned Gentleman spoke against its being proceeded with.

Mr. LEWIS: No doubt, my right hon. and learned Friend spoke upon that occasion; but he only referred to the Bill as being a contentious measure, and therefore being one which ought not to be allowed to go on. Nobody on the Treasury Bench, or on the Benches below the Gangway, will venture to suggest that they did not know, from the time of the second reading of the Bill until now, that I was an active and persistent opponent of the Municipal Franchise Bill. Then, in what way has there been any misrepresentation, or any miscarriage, or misadventure? Everything has been perfectly clear and above-board; and, so far as the present Bill is concerned, it is a proof of the impropriety and inconvenience of endeavouring to deal with a public question in a Private Bill. I cannot help thinking that the course which has been taken by the Government is only part of their persistent attempt to curry favour with hon. Gentlemen below the Gangway, no matter at what price, so far as the Business of the House is concerned. What they virtually say now to the promoters of the Bill is—"You shall not drain the town of Belfast." [*Cries of* "Oh!"] Yes; I maintain that that is what the Government say—"You shall not drain the town of Belfast, nor do anything to promote the health of the inhabitants, because the House will not consent to pass a democratic municipal franchise for the Irish boroughs." In order to establish a leverage to enable the supporters of the Bill to get the democratic franchise they desire the Government to say they will allow this Private Bill to be run against the Public Bill, so that if the public measure is not passed there shall be an extension of the municipal franchise, at any rate, in the borough of Belfast. Her Majesty's Government call that legislation, and that is the protection which Ministers of the Crown are prepared to give to the Business of the House, and to the subjects of the Queen who come here and ask for the leave of Parliament to enable them to drain their own town and to effect other public improvements. I congratulate the Chancellor of the Exchequer on his method of improving the health of the country. I do not know whether the hon. Gentleman the Chairman of Committees has spoken in the course of this debate; but, if not, I would ask him to state whether, within the range of his experience, or upon the Journals of the House, there has ever been such an attempt as this to enforce such an important change in the public law by means of a Private Bill? The Chancellor of the Exchequer says that a precedent was set in the Rathmines case; but that was no precedent at all, because in the Rathmines Bill there was an agreement upon all sides, and there was no contest whatever in regard to the matter. In this instance the Government have thought proper to "keep the word of promise to the ear, and break it to the hope," in regard to contentious Business. They have been doing it all along, and they have been picking out of the gutter during the last three weeks every little Bill they could which was of an objectionable character, in order to thrust it down the throats of the House. This is only a specimen of the course of legislation which has been followed by Her Majesty's Government in order to keep their promise that no contentious matters should be proceeded with, so that the Business of Parliament might be wound up in the course of two or three weeks. I rose simply for the purpose of shielding my right hon. and learned Friend (Mr. Plunket) from the unjust charge of *mala fides* which was made against him by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. My right hon. and learned Friend simply pointed out that the Municipal Franchise Bill contained contentious matter. No doubt, hon. Members below the Gangway may be able to stamp this monstrous deformity upon the Private Legislation of the House. Let it, however, be noted that in the days of an expiring House of Commons, and of an expiring Ministry, Her Majesty's Government have determined to leave on record a masterly specimen of their wonderful system of legislation, by means of which, in a Bill introduced for the purpose of improving the health of the town of Belfast, and for enabling the Corporation charged with the protection of the health of that town to drain the borough properly, they refuse to allow the inhabitants to carry out the improvements they propose unless they are willing to subject themselves to tyrannical interference with regard to the municipal franchise. Although the tactics which have been pursued with regard to this Bill may succeed to-day, I trust it will be recollected that the last effort of an expiring Ministry was to do an act of injustice towards an important Irish community—I presume as one way of showing their love for Ireland. I have not the slightest doubt that this tyranny will not be submitted to. On the contrary, the Bill will be withdrawn if this clause is passed, and any evil consequences that may result will rest upon the head of the right hon. Gentleman the Chancellor of the Exchequer. ["Oh!"] Yes; upon his head and upon those of his Colleagues will rest the blame of having prevented the proper drainage of the town of Belfast from a feeling simply of political spite.

MR. PLUNKET (Dublin University): Perhaps the House will allow me to make a personal explanation. I think it is necessary that I should do so in consequence of what has been said by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. I need not now comment upon the discretion which the right hon. Gentleman has exercised in what he has stated. I simply desire to state to the House that what I really said was this. The Front Bench on this side of the House were challenged by the right hon. Gentleman as to whether the Municipal Franchise Bill was regarded as contentious or not; and I, as one of the Irish Representatives sitting on this Bench, got up up and said that I had not been present when the transaction referred to occurred, and that I knew nothing about the Belfast Main Drainage Bill, but that I saw on the Notice Paper Notice of opposition from two or three hon. Members on this side of the House who I knew were very much interested in the measure. I said that as far as I was concerned I had never opposed the Bill, and that I did not intend to oppose it; but under the circumstances, seeing these Notices of opposition on the Paper, and having regard to the period of the Session and the approaching Dissolution, I could not say that it was not a contentious measure. That is all that I said, and I left the matter in the hands of the House; and, therefore, so far as I am concerned, I repudiate altogether the charge of breach of faith.

The CHAIRMAN of WAYS and MEANS (Mr. Courtney) (Cornwall, Bodmin): I shall certainly feel constrained to vote against this clause; and perhaps the House will allow me very briefly to explain the ground on which I do so. In the first place, I wish to dissociate myself from the language and opinions of the hon. Member for Londonderry (Mr. Lewis), which I certainly do not share. I do not consider the matter in regard to the question of justice or injustice to the town of Belfast, or the policy or impolicy of extending the municipal franchise in Ireland; but I look upon it only in one way—namely, in regard to the conduct of Private Business in this House. As far as I know the municipal franchise in Ireland rests on a Public Act passed 40 years ago. That Act has never been interfered with, except on one occasion in connection with the municipal franchise of the City of Dublin. But that was done by a Public Act and not by a Private Bill. My right hon. Friend the Chancellor of the Exchequer says that Parliament has also dealt with the question in the case of Rathmines. But Rathmines is a township of Dublin, and it was organized under a Private Act. Last year a Private Bill was introduced to amend the Act, and that Private Bill undoubtedly contained a clause dealing with the franchise. What is proposed to be done here in the case of the Belfast Bill is to introduce a clause into a private measure which has nothing whatever to do with the municipal franchise; but the alteration in the case of Rathmines was carried out in a very different manner, and by a Bill which, among other matters, dealt directly with the franchise. The townships of Dublin have been organized by a special Act, and the proposal in the Rathmines case was simply to alter that special Act. But no Public Act relating to Ireland generally has ever been, as far as I am aware, amended except by another Public Act; and I think it would be a dangerous precedent to establish if we are now to lay down the principle that a Public Act may be altered in essential particulars by a Private Bill. I believe that the adoption of this clause would create considerable confusion in reference to the Private Bill Legislation of this House, and therefore I feel bound to vote against it.

Mr. EWART (Belfast, N.): I am afraid that an act of very great injustice is about to be done to Belfast, the drainage of which is, at the present moment, in a very unfortunate position. The subject is one which has long attracted the attention of scientific men; and at the meeting of the Social Science Congress or the British Association which was held there some years ago a very unfavourable verdict was passed upon the condition of the drainage of the town. Great difficulties have hitherto been experienced in carrying out the works that are necessary for the drainage of Belfast, and which will be of considerable magnitude, and will cost a great deal of money, although not half so much as the estimate which has been given by hon. Members below the Gangway. There can be no doubt that the works, when completed, will confer considerable benefit upon the town; and yet it is now sought, in what I cannot help considering a most un-Constitutional way, to introduce a clause which, if carried, will, undoubtedly, be tantamount to the rejection of the Bill. With regard to that clause, I will only say that the hon. Member for

Sligo (Mr. Sexton) spoke of the House as having been deluded by the Corporation of Belfast, who are promoting this Bill. I certainly think the House will be deluded if it accepts this clause. One representation which has been made in regard to the clause is that it will place the municipal franchise of Belfast in conformity with that of England, Scotland, and Dublin; but I am informed that there are very important differences. For instance, six months' residence is sufficient in Ireland, whereas 12 months' residence is required in England. There are also other matters of difference with which I will not trouble the House. I must say, however, that the position of affairs is most unfortunate. I very much regret the attitude which has been taken by the right hon. Gentleman the Chancellor of the Exchequer; but I think I am entitled to appeal from him to the common sense of hon. Members on both sides of the House not to undo what has already been done by Committees in both Houses of Parliament in regard to the Bill—a Bill which is so much needed by the town of Belfast. I have only one other remark to make, and it is this—that the conduct of the hon. Member for Sligo (Mr. Sexton) and his Friends below the Gangway is a proof of what the North of Ireland may expect if the Government of Ireland Bill ever becomes law.

Mr. HASLETT (Belfast, W.) rose, but was received with cries of "Spoke" from the Irish Members below the Gangway.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. Member is entitled to make a personal explanation if he desires to do so.

Mr. HASLETT: I only wished to make an observation in reference to the residential part of the question so far as the municipal franchise is concerned.

Mr. SEXTON (Sligo, N.): That is not a personal explanation, but a matter of argument.

Lord JOHN MANNERS (Leicestershire, E.): I wish to make an appeal to the Chancellor of the Exchequer before the House proceeds to a division. I listened attentively to the speech which the right hon. Gentleman addressed to the House, and it appeared to me that the sole ground upon which he based his support of this clause was that there had been a precedent in the case of Rathmines. At the same time, the right hon. Gentleman told us that he did not approve of that precedent; but, as it was a precedent, he availed himself of it. Since then we have heard the speech of the Chairman of Ways and Means, in which the hon. Gentleman distinctly told and showed the House that the Rathmines case is no precedent at all; and, therefore, I wish to appeal to the right hon. Gentleman whether he now thinks that the Rathmines case is a precedent in any sense of the word for what is now proposed to be done? After the distinct declaration of the Chairman of Ways and Means, I would venture, further, to ask the right hon. Gentleman if he will not adopt one or other of two courses, which in my experience has been invariably adopted by a Cabinet Minister—that is, either to support the Chairman of Committees in any case affecting the Private Business of the House, or to abstain altogether from voting?

The CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER (Sir William Harcourt) (Derby): I am sorry to say that, although I have possibly been wrong, I have had on two or three occasions to differ with the Chairman of Committees. I certainly do not think that the Rathmines precedent does not apply. On the contrary, I think that it does apply. With respect to the observations of the hon. Member for Belfast who spoke last on this occasion (Mr. Ewart), I wish to point out that the town of Belfast would not lose the advantage of its improved drainage if this clause is passed. It will get its improved drainage all the same.

Question put.

The House *divided*:—Ayes 128; Noes 98: Majority 30.—(Div. List, No. 140.)

Clause *added.*

Bill to be read the third time.

QUESTIONS.

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POST OFFICE (IRELAND)—CORK POSTMEN—GOOD SERVICE STRIPES.

Mr. DEASY (Mayo, W.) (for Mr. Maurice Healy) (Cork) asked the Secretary to the Treasury, Whether it is the fact that a number of the town postmen attached to the Cork Post Office have been for a considerable time past entitled to good service "stripes," bringing increased pay; and, if so, why the granting of the stripes is delayed; whether, when granted, the men will receive back pay for the period during which the stripes were delayed; whether it is the fact that the Cork postmen are excluded from the privilege of competing for positions in the higher grades of the service, such as that of letter sorter, &c. when vacancies occur, though this right exists in other offices having a similar status; whether it is the fact that Cork postmen, though attached to a first class office, and numbering 25, are placed, as regards pay, in the same position as the Limerick postmen, Limerick being a second class office, having only four town postmen; and, if the facts are as stated, whether the Department intend to take any steps to redress the grievances of the Cork officials?

THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY (Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER) (Wolverhampton, E.): I think the Question of the hon. Member must have been put under a misapprehension. The number of good conduct stripes is strictly limited, and no postman can be said to have become entitled to the distinction simply because he has served the full period after which he is eligible to receive it. No good conduct stripes are available at the present moment; but as soon as they become so the claims of the Cork postmen will be considered with those of others. The Cork and Limerick postmen are paid on the same scale. The hon. Member speaks, indeed, of Cork as a first class office, and of Limerick as an office of the second class; but the Postmaster General knows of no such distinction, nor can he admit that the number of postmen attached to any particular office should regulate the scale of pay. Except in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, the appointment of letter sorter, so called, does not exist. As regards all other appointments, the postmen at Cork are not excluded from any privilege which postmen enjoy elsewhere.

CIVIL SERVICE—LOWER DIVISION CLERKS AND WRITERS.

MR. DIXON-HARTLAND (Middlesex, Uxbridge) asked Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Whether, having regard to the long time that the case of the Civil Service writers has been under the consideration of the Lords of the Treasury, he can now state if their decision will be made known before the Dissolution of Parliament?

THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY (Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER) (Wolverhampton, E.) (who replied) said: I can only refer the hon. Member to the answer which I gave on this subject on Friday last in reply to the Question of the hon. Member for Queen's County (Mr. Arthur O'Connor).

POST OFFICE (IRELAND)—GRANGEGIRTH, CO. MEATH.

DR. O'DOHERTY (Meath, N.) asked the Secretary to the Treasury, If he can inform him whether the prayer of the petition presented to the Postal Department by the people of Grangegirth, county Meath, for the establishment of a post office at that place will be acceded to?

THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY (Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER) (Wolverhampton, E.): The inquiries which are now being made on this subject are not quite completed; but the hon. Member shall be made acquainted with the Postmaster General's decision as soon as possible.

EGYPT—TRANSIT OF SLAVES THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL.

MR. A. E. PEASE (York) asked the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Whether Her Majesty's Government are prepared to take any steps to prevent the transit of slaves brought by pilgrims from Mecca through the Suez Canal; and, whether the recent dismissal of M. Zananiri by the Egyptian Government has any relation to the activity shown by him in stopping the transit of such slaves at Suez?

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (Mr. BRYCE) (Aberdeen, S.): Her Majesty's Government have not received recent Reports that the practice of pilgrims bringing slaves from Mecca through the Suez Canal is on the increase; but instructions are being sent to Sir Evelyn Baring to report whether this is the case, and what can be done in the matter. All such action as Her Majesty's Government can legally take to prevent the transit of slaves through the Canal has been, and will continue to be, taken. As regards the second paragraph of the Question,

M. Zananiri has laid his case before Her Majesty's Government, and it has been referred to Sir H. Drummond Wolff for observations.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS—MILITIAMEN VOTERS.

The Earl of MARCH (Sussex, Chichester) asked the Secretary of State for War, Whether any facilities can be given to Militiamen called up for training to record their votes at the ensuing elections, considering that in many cases they will be quartered at such a distance from their polling stations as will make it impossible for them to vote?

The SURVEYOR GENERAL of ORDNANCE (Mr. Woodall) (Hanley) (who replied on behalf of the Secretary of State) said: The Regulations already provide that leave may be given to any person employed on military duty to be absent from barracks for so long a time as he may require for recording his vote. I am not aware of any further facilities which can be given; as to be absent from home with his regiment when the regiment is in training is an incident of every Militiaman's service.

TRADE OF BRITISH INDIA—THE BLUE BOOK—MR. J. E. O'CONOR.

Mr. ASHTON (Cheshire, Hyde) asked the Under Secretary of State for India, Whether "the Review of the Trade of British India with Foreign Countries for the Official Year ended the 31st March 1885," by Mr. J. E. O'Conor, just issued as a Blue Book, is identical with that issued by the Indian Government last August; if so, whether there is any reason why its publication in this Country has been so long delayed; and, whether it is essential to incur the expense of publication both in India and in England?

The UNDER SECRETARY of STATE (Mr. Stafford Howard) (Gloucester, Thornbury): The Blue Book just issued contains Mr. O'Conor's Trade Report; but it is not identical with the volume issued by the Government of India, as it also contains Tables giving full details of the trade of British India for the five years 1880-1 to 1884-5. The preparation and printing of these quinquennial Tables caused the delay about which the hon. Member asks. The most economical manner of presenting these Tables to Parliament was carefully revised a few years ago, when it was decided that every fifth year quinquennial Tables should be prepared.

NEW ZEALAND—THE CEMETERY AT TAURANGA.

Admiral FIELD (Sussex, Eastbourne) asked the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, Whether he will be pleased to call the attention of the Government of New Zealand to the very discreditable condition of the cemetery at Tauranga, in North Island, where lie interred many Naval and Military officers, seamen, marines, and soldiers who lost their lives in the various engagements with the Maoris in the vicinity of the famous Gate Pah in 1864; that such steps may be taken as may be found necessary to put their graves, tombstones, and other records of their faithful and gallant service in decent and proper order, in honour of their memories, and in a manner worthy of the Colony who profited so largely by the brave conduct of our Naval and Military Forces on that occasion?

The UNDER SECRETARY of STATE (Mr. Osborne Morgan) (Denbighshire, E.): In reply to the last inquiry on this subject in August, 1880, we were informed that the graves of the officers and men of the 43rd and 68th Regiments at Tauranga were kept in good order by the armed Constabulary at that station, and that whatever sum had been yearly required for the repair of the graves and fences had been disbursed by the Colonial Defence Department, £23 3*s.* having been expended in the preceding November. We have heard nothing further on the subject; but we have no reason to believe that the New Zealand Government has neglected the cemetery. But if the hon. and gallant Member has any recent and authentic information on the subject, we should be glad to communicate further with the Colonial Government respecting it.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (SCOTLAND)—POLLING STATIONS IN ARGYLLSHIRE.

Mr. MACFARLANE (Argyll) asked the Lord Advocate, If he has communicated with the Sheriffs of Argyllshire with reference to an increase of the number of polling stations in that county, and especially as to the desirability of having one allotted to the Islands of Tiree and Coll, so as to save the voters the necessity of crossing over 20 miles of sea to record their votes; and, what reply (if any) he has received from the Sheriff?

THE LORD ADVOCATE (Mr. J. B. BALFOUR) (Clackmannan, &c.), in reply, said, he had communicated with the Sheriff of Argyllshire on this matter, and had also had a personal interview with him. The Sheriff informed him that it would be, in his judgment, impossible to have a polling station at Tiree or Coll for the money which would be allowed under the Returning Officers' Bill, if it became law; and, further, if there were a polling station at either of these Islands, it was not unlikely that the Presiding Officer would not be able to get there, or, if he got there, that he would be able to get back, and the result might be that the election would be stopped, causing great expense. The voters, he believed, preferred going to Tobermory, which they could reach by steamer.

MR. MACFARLANE asked, whether it was not the fact that Petitions were sent to the Sheriff last year from both these Islands praying for one joint polling place? He should like to know by what steamer the inhabitants of Coll could go to Tobermory?

THE LORD ADVOCATE pointed out that the Petitions in question were presented when his Predecessors were in Office, and they had not been renewed this year. He had no personal knowledge concerning the steamer communication.

CENTRAL ASIA—COLONEL LOCKHART'S EXPEDITION.

MR. ASHMEAD-BARTLETT (Sheffield, Ecclesall) (for Mr. BADEN-POWELL) asked the Under Secretary of State for India, Whether Her Majesty's Government can give the House any information as to the present position of Colonel Lockhart and his Mission in Badakshan?

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (Mr. STAFFORD HOWARD) (Gloucester, Thornbury): Colonel Lockhart, after visiting Gilgit and Chitral, on a journey of exploration, has passed into Lower Badakshan on his return to India by the country of the Hindu Khush. There is no truth in a recent report that Colonel Lockhart and his party had been seized and imprisoned in Badakshan.

LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL (Paddington, S.): What was the date of that Report?

MR. STAFFORD HOWARD: I believe it is to-day. That is the latest information we have.

MERCHANDISE (FRAUDULENT MARKING) BILL.

MR. ASHMEAD-BARTLETT (Sheffield, Ecclesall) (for Mr. BADEN-POWELL) asked the President of the Board of Trade, Whether he will state the reasons for which the Merchandise (Fraudulent Marking) Bill was withdrawn by the Government on Friday?

THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD (Mr. C. T. D. ACLAND) (Cornwall, Launceston) (who replied) said: I am bound to state that the withdrawal of the Bill took place under a misunderstanding on my part. I had moved the second reading under the impression that it was the intention of the Board of Trade, and that the Bill had been printed and circulated. But when I found that it was not in the hands of Members I said I would withdraw the Motion for second reading. You, Sir, understood me to say that I would withdraw the Bill; and while I was engaged in explaining to the Chancellor of the Exchequer what was intended the Motion to discharge the Order was passed. The introduction of the Bill after the Notice of a Dissolution of Parliament was solely with the view of getting it printed and circulated, so that the policy of the Board of Trade, both in respect to false marking and to the Resolutions of the Rome Convention, might be understood and considered before the next meeting of Parliament. It was not expected that a measure of this importance could be carried through both Houses of Parliament at the close of the Session. I have, however, taken care that the Bill should be circulated, and it will be in the hands of Members to-morrow.

VENEZUELA—CLAIMS OF BRITISH SUBJECTS.

MR. KIMBER (Wandsworth) asked the Under Secretary of State for Foreign

Affairs, Whether any Despatch has been yet received from the Venezuelan Government, as promised by telegram, in reply to the claims of British subjects arising out of the illegal seizure of the ships *Henrietta* and *Josephine*, and the personal ill-treatment of their crews and passengers?

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (Mr. BRYCE) (Aberdeen, S.): Since I replied to the hon. Member's Question on the 3rd instant, a further telegram has been received from Her Majesty's Minister at Caracas, stating that the Venezuelan Government have declined to entertain the representations made to it, which pressed for compensation to the owners and crews of the *Henrietta* and *Josephine*. The Secretary of State is now awaiting the arrival of the despatch communicating the text of the Venezuelan reply. Papers on the subject have been prepared, and will be laid before Parliament immediately.

ARMY—THE REVIEW AT ALDERSHOT.

ADMIRAL FIELD (Sussex, Eastbourne) asked the Secretary of State for War, Whether arrangements can be made to enable Members of the present House of Commons, and their wives, to witness the forthcoming Review of the Troops at Aldershot by Her Majesty on 2nd July?

THE SURVEYOR GENERAL OF ORDNANCE (Mr. WOODALL) (Hanley) (who replied) said: The march past will take place in the Long Valley, and there will not be any special arrangements for spectators. There is, however, ample room at Aldershot for all sightseers.

ADMIRAL FIELD: What I want to know is, whether Members will be allowed inside the line of sentries on presentation of their cards?

MR. WOODALL: I do not understand that that would be the case.

CEYLON—ECCLESIASTICAL GRANTS.

MR. CARVELL WILLIAMS (Nottingham, S.) asked the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, Whether there has been received at the Colonial Office a Memorial from Ceylon, asking for an extension for another five years of the payments, out of the public revenues of the Dependency, of annual grants for ecclesiastical purposes, instead of such grants ceasing in the case of vacancies in July, according to the decision of the Secretary of State for the Colonies at the end of 1880; whether he will place such Memorial before Parliament; and, whether he will give an assurance that the prayer of the Memorial will not be granted without affording to Parliament an opportunity for considering the subject?

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (Mr. OSBORNE MORGAN) (Denbighshire, E.): A Memorial from Ceylon to the effect stated in the Question has recently been received at the Colonial Office; and the Governor has been informed, in reply, that the Secretary of State cannot consent to postpone the withdrawal of these ecclesiastical grants after the expiration of the period previously decided. Under these circumstances, the hon. Member will hardly require the Memorial to be laid before the House.

INCOME TAX (LIVERPOOL)—IRON SAILING SHIPS.

MR. BAILY (Liverpool, Exchange) asked Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Why the Commissioners of Income Tax assume as the depreciation on iron sailing ships belonging to Liverpool three per cent. on their value, whilst on all similar ships belonging to other ports it is taken at five per cent.?

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER (Sir WILLIAM HARCOURT) (Derby): The question is entirely at the discretion of the local Commissioners. It is one in which the Government do not interfere. There is every reason to believe that the Commissioners at Liverpool are competent to determine a question of that kind.

PARLIAMENT—THE DISSOLUTION.

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER (Sir WILLIAM HARCOURT) (Derby): Sir, as there is no Business for the House to transact to-morrow, I will propose—"That the House, at its rising, do adjourn till Thursday."

SIR MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH (Bristol, W.): Can the right hon. Gentleman tell us what Business will be taken on Thursday, and what will be the probable date of the Prorogation?

SIR ROBERT FOWLER (London): Does the House meet on Thursday for Business, or only to be prorogued?

SIR WILLIAM HARCOURT: It will meet on Thursday to receive Business coming from the Lords. No other Business will be dealt with on that day. It is understood that the Prorogation will take place on Friday, and the Dissolution on Saturday.

Motion *agreed to.*

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till *Thursday* next.—(*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.*)

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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CONSOLIDATED FUND (APPROPRIATION) BILL.

(*Mr. Courtney, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Henry H. Fowler.*)

THIRD READING.

Order for Third Reading read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read the third time."

ISLANDS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC—THE NEW HEBRIDES—POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT.—QUESTION.

SIR WALTER B. BARTTELOT (Sussex, North-West) asked the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, What course the Government intended to take with regard to the New Hebrides? He presumed the hon. Gentleman would be prepared to state that Her Majesty's Government intended to take a firm and determined course with regard to this most important question.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (Mr. BRYCE) (Aberdeen, S.): Sir, the question of my hon. and gallant Friend opposite comes upon me rather as a surprise. I received no intimation from him that he was going to bring before the House this delicate matter; and, although I fully admit that on the Appropriation Bill he is entitled to raise a question of this kind, still I think he must feel that it would have been more satisfactory to the House if he had informed me of his intention to raise it, so that I might be in a better position to deal with topics of a gravity and a delicacy which he will be the first to recognize. As regards the facts, I have nothing to add to the information which I gave to the House on two occasions last week. Her Majesty's Government have nothing to conceal in the matter. We have frankly and fully given to the House all the information we possessed on the subject. We lost no time, as soon as the question arose, in communicating with the French Government on the subject—not only through our own Ambassador in Paris, but with the French Ambassador here; and we addressed certain inquiries which were answered by the French Government, as far as the information in its possession at the time went, with perfect candour and without any delay. There were certain other points, not within the knowledge of the French Government, in regard to which they have promised to make inquiries. As far as the matter has gone, we have no reason to complain of the attitude, conduct, and language of the French Government. It has been candid and straightforward. They have admitted to the full the engagements which they entered into in 1878—I think — and which they repeated in 1883. They have admitted that they are bound by these engagements; and no difference of opinion has disclosed itself between them and ourselves as to the binding nature of those engagements. In that state of facts, I do not really see what more I can tell my hon. and gallant Friend or the House. The attitude of France is clear in the matter. Her Government gave no instructions which would have warranted the acts which have been reported, and they assure us that if the French flag has been hoisted this has been done without any instructions, and shall not be continued. That is their unequivocal answer to us, and the attitude of Her Majesty's Government itself has been equally clear and distinct. We consider the engagement of 1878 to be binding, and we have no idea of its being departed from. We are very sensible of the feeling of the Australian Colonists—to which my hon. and gallant Friend has referred. We are aware that public opinion there is excited upon this matter. We are aware of the interest they have in it; we fully appreciate the strong objection they entertain to the creation of convict settlements in any new part of the Western Pacific; and the House may be perfectly certain that their feelings in that matter are so fully entered into by Her Majesty's Government that all proper weight has been given, and will continue to be given, to the sentiments of the Australian Colonists. I feel, Sir, that in this state of the facts there is really nothing further for me to say to the House. We have concealed nothing from it; and I think the House may rest assured that the matter is not only receiving all the attention which the Colonists could wish, but that it will be dealt with in a spirit at once firm and conciliatory, a spirit equally satisfactory to the people of England and the people of Australia.

MR. BOURKE (Lynn Regis): I am not surprised that my hon. and gallant Friend has brought forward this question, because it is one on which, no doubt, the Colonists and the people of this country feel most deeply. But, having said what he has said, I think that my hon. and gallant Friend may be satisfied with the reply of the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. In fact, I do not think there is any difference whatever between the two sides of the House upon this question. Both sides of the House recognize to the fullest extent the importance of the question; both sides have recognized to the fullest extent the interest which the Colonists take in it; and both sides recognize that the French Government, under the circumstances, have done all that they could be called upon to do. At the same time, there are questions which have been left in abeyance, and upon which the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has said the present Government are still making inquiries. Of course, we shall in future make further inquiries of the Government with regard to these questions. I think I may say also that the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (the Earl of Rosebery), as far as I have been able to ascertain, has used language quite worthy of the dignity of this country.

CIVIL SERVICE—LOWER DIVISION CLERKS AND WRITERS.

OBSERVATIONS.

MR. PULESTON (Devonport) called attention to the case of the Civil Service clerks and writers, and requested the Secretary to the Treasury to inform the House what had been done in the matter. He understood that a scheme with regard to the Lower Division clerks was in the hands of the Chancellor of the Exchequer; and it was desirable that hon. Members should be put in possession of any information that was to be given on the subject.

SIR HERBERT MAXWELL (Wigton) said, he desired to refer to another class of the Civil Service—the Inland Revenue officials. Previous to the last Election, the present Secretary to the Treasury had acknowledged that this class had grievances which ought to be remedied.

THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY (Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER) (Wolverhampton, E.) said, he had not made any statement to that effect.

SIR HERBERT MAXWELL said, that was the impression he left on a deputation that waited upon him. Out of 4,000 Inland Revenue officials, 3,900 had petitioned for a Parliamentary inquiry into their grievances, and that inquiry ought to be granted.

MR. PICKERSGILL (Bethnal Green, S.W.) called attention to the case of the writers specifically, which, he said, was one of real and great grievance. With regard to the Lower Division clerks, he understood there still existed an insuperable bar to their promotion, and he thought that was unjust, and ought to be removed.

MR. GREGORY (Sussex, East Grinstead) commended the case of the clerks of the Chancery Division to the favourable consideration of the Secretary to the Treasury.

SIR HENRY HOLLAND (Hampstead) wished to say a few words on this subject before the Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) rose to answer. He desired to express his hope that the hon. Gentleman would be able to give a full and satisfactory statement, and especially that he would be able to promise an inquiry, such as asked for, into the questions which affected so materially so large a body of men. As regarded the Civil Service writers, he understood that their case had been inquired into, and that a scheme had been prepared which was now under the consideration of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. [Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER dissented.] Then he would only express an earnest hope that a speedy decision would be arrived at by the Departmental Committee which, he believed, was sitting upon the question. As regarded the case of the Lower Division clerks, he desired, speaking for himself, to express his individual opinion in favour of a Parliamentary Inquiry into the working of the Playfair Scheme, which was based upon the Report of a Royal Commission, so far, at all events, as it bore upon those clerks. He thought such an inquiry would create no bad precedent, because 10 years had elapsed since the Playfair Scheme came into operation; and it was not an unfair demand to make that after that lapse of time any scheme of that kind should be revised, if complaints of a substantial character were made by those who were mainly affected by it. He wished it to be understood that he was stating his own personal opinion; but his right hon. Friend the late Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir Michael Hicks-Beach), when in Office, had shown no disinclination to such an inquiry. In reply to a Question on the 11th of August, 1885, the right hon. Gentleman said—

> "I am sorry to say that I have not yet been able to give to this important subject the attention it deserves; and, therefore, I should not like to give a definite promise with reference to the appointment of a Committee next year to inquire into the working of the Playfair Scheme; but I am disposed to think that such an inquiry would be desirable. It is proposed to obtain Reports from the different departments as to the working of the scheme, so that the replies received would form a basis for the investigation of such a Committee if appointed."—(3 *Hansard*, [300] 1734.)

He (Sir Henry Holland) would be glad to learn if those Reports had been called for and made, as they would, undoubtedly, prove most useful if a Committee was appointed. As regarded the point raised by the hon. Member for Bethnal Green (Mr. Pickersgill), he would not believe for a moment that any new scheme would place any bar to promotion. If it did, it would be entirely contrary to the principle of the Playfair Scheme, which allowed promotion after 10 years to the Lower Division clerks. There must be some complete misapprehension in the mind of the person who wrote the paragraph referred to. In conclusion, he hoped that the Secretary to the Treasury would be able to meet the wishes of this numerous body of men who were engaged in the Public Service, and whose grievances well founded, should be redressed.

THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY (Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER) (Wolverhampton, E.) said, that of course any Reports with reference to the administration of any public Department would carry great weight; but he was surprised to hear the right hon. Baronet (Sir Henry Holland) give the sanction of his high authority to the principle of Parliamentary Committees being the best tribunal for the investigation of the internal working of any public Department of the State.

SIR HENRY HOLLAND said, that what he stated was that the Playfair Scheme, which applied to all Departments of the State, was the result of a Commission; and, therefore, it might fairly be inquired into by a Committee or a Commission.

MR. HENRY H. FOWLER said, that was the result of a Royal Commission, not of a Parliamentary Committee. He thought they must all admit, however, that it was not possible for a Parliamentary Committee to inquire into the present Parliament, and he could only deal with the matter as it now stood. He did not desire to detract from the great importance of this matter; but he could not agree to place it in the first class of public questions. This was a question affecting something under 2,500 gentlemen, not 1,000 of whom had been in the Public Service for a period of five years. The Playfair Scheme had been established 10 years, and he admitted that it wanted reconsideration and amendment. He frankly admitted that inquiry was absolutely necessary, and from the results arrived at he had no doubt that a considerable grievance existed under the working of the scheme. Whether it could be best adjusted by the Treasury itself or by a Parliamentary Committee was not the question now before the House. He had given the question his best consideration; but it was a very important one, and he was desirous of receiving, before the matter was finally adjusted, the advice and counsel of many of those gentlemen who formed part of the Playfair Royal Commission, and who had had long and valuable experience of the Public Service. At present the question was *sub judice*, and if he attempted to argue it he would be intimating the views of the Treasury, which he could not do. The position of the matter was this—the Treasury, after careful consideration, had suggested certain alterations of the Playfair Scheme, and those suggestions were now under the consideration of the authorities to whom he had alluded. When a final decision had been come to it would be embodied in a Minute, which would then have to receive the sanction of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, after which it would be made public. His desire was, consistently with the efficiency of the Public Service, to give every man in the Queen's Service a chance of promotion, no matter in what Department he might be engaged. That was the case of the Lower Division clerks. The case of the Civil Service writers was a totally different matter. There was unquestionably a very great grievance in their case, and he had thought it best that a Departmental Committee should be appointed, consisting of representatives of the various great Departments where they were employed, to consider and provide the most efficient, economical, fair, and just scheme of dealing with them. That Committee was giving their very best attention to the matter. With reference to the officers of the Inland Revenue, he was assured, on the part of the Inland Revenue, that the Department did not recognize the existence of the great grievance alleged to exist, nor the existence of any great dissatisfaction, in the Service. If there were any grievance, of course it ought to be investigated; and if the hon. Baronet opposite would bring forward the matter in the form of a Motion he would be in a position to state what were the facts of the case. As to the Chancery clerks referred to by the hon. Member for Sussex (Mr. Gregory), in his opinion they were a most deserving class of men, as they performed a large portion of the administrative business in Chancery, and it was only due to a prejudice of the late Lord St. Leonards that they were termed Judges' clerks. He could only assure the hon. Gentleman that their case would receive the best attention. His desire was that these questions should be settled to the satisfaction of all concerned, because where there existed friction in any Department that Department was sure to work badly.

MR. PULESTON (Devonport) asked whether any broad lines had been laid down for the guidance of those who were considering the case of the Lower Division clerks and writers?

MR. HENRY H. FOWLER said, he could hardly answer the question. The Treasury pointed out that they were dissatisfied with the present working of the Playfair Scheme, and were of opinion that the time had arrived when it was desirable to considerably alter that branch of the Public Service, and the Treasury had referred that to the Committee.

THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL (Sir LYON PLAYFAIR) (Leeds, S.) said, that he would be entirely in favour of an examination by the next Parliament into the working of the scheme for the Civil Service which had been adopted on the recommendation of the Royal Commission over which he had presided. He thought that full inquiry should be made, not only into the working of the scheme as adopted by the Government, but also into the more important parts of the scheme which had not been adopted by the Government.

TRADE AND COMMERCE—DUTIES ON SPANISH WINES.—QUESTION.

In reply to Mr. KIMBER (Wandsworth),

THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY (Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER) (Wolverhampton, E.) said, that he thought the Chancellor of the Exchequer or the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs had stated the other night, in answer to a Question, that the Government had taken no steps towards reducing the Wines Duties until the Spanish Cortes had performed their part of the agreement by placing this country in the most favoured nation position. When that was done the Government were ready to perform their part of the agreement.

MR. LAWSON (St. Pancras, W.) observed, that the statement of the Secretary to the Treasury would give satisfaction to a very worthy and deserving body of men.

Motion *agreed to.*

Bill read the third time, and *passed.*

EAST INDIA (REVENUE ACCOUNTS).

COMMITTEE.

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA (Mr. STAFFORD HOWARD) (Gloucester, Thornbury), in rising to move the following Resolution:—

"That it appears, by the Accounts laid before this House, that the Total Revenue of India for the year ending the 31st day of March 1885 was £70,690,681; that the Total Expenditure in India and in England charged to Revenue was £71,077,127: that there was an excess of Expenditure over Revenue of £386,446; and that the Capital Outlay on Railways and Irrigation Works was £4,226,613, besides a Capital Charge of £1,314,746 in connection with the Purchase of the Eastern Bengal Railway and in the Redemption of Liabilities,"

said: Mr. Courtney, if we had been called upon to discuss the Statement I am about to make at this time of the year under ordinary circumstances, I think we might have taken it as a proper recognition of the importance of the subject; but I am afraid an outsider, even if he were not aware of the political aspect, must, under present circumstances, from the state of these Benches, be aware that there must be some attraction outside the House as great as the 12th of August is supposed to be upon ordinary occasions. But, though it was not to be expected, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, that a very large number of Members would come to listen to this Statement, and to take part in this discussion, I have thought it my duty, with the assistance of the able gentlemen at the Office which I represent in this House, and for whose attention and assistance I beg to express my obligations, to prepare a Statement of explanation which may be intelligible, not only to those Members of the Committee who may in time past have taken a special interest in the question of India, but also to any hon. Members who may be in the position in which I was myself a couple of months ago—namely, that of not having any great acquaintance with the subject. As has happened on more than one occasion, I believe, when the Indian Financial Statement has been submitted to the House, it will be my duty, before plunging into figures, to give an explanation of an alteration in the form in which the Accounts are presented. There must necessarily be considerable difficulty in combining in one account the transactions of the Government of India, which take place in silver, with those in England, which take place in gold. As hon. Members are aware, it has been the practice for many years to treat the rupee, in the Accounts, as the equivalent of 2*s*., so that £1 equals 10 rupees. But, for a considerable period, the exchange value of the rupee has been much below 2*s*. To meet payments made on their behalf in England in gold, the Government of India, while the rupee was at 2*s*., had to remit 10 rupees for every £1 so paid in this country; but, as the rupee fell below 2*s*. in value, they had in proportion to remit more than 10 rupees for each £1. That excess has increased year by year as the exchange value of the rupee has become lower and lower, and it is described as charge for exchange. Hitherto the Accounts have shown the Indian transactions in one column, nominally in pounds sterling, but really in tens of rupees—that is, supposing the figure of £1,000,000 in the column headed "Expenditure in India," it would represent 10,000,000 rupees expended in India. The transactions in England have been shown in pounds sterling in another column. Had the rupee remained at the exchange value of 2*s*., by applying the same process of multiplying by 10 to this figure we should arrive at the exact number of rupees necessary to meet that sum; and, consequently, the statement would be accurate as the sum actually paid by India. But the moment the rupee fell below 2*s*. in value, it was necessary for India to remit more than 10 rupees for every £1 spent in England in proportion to the fall in exchange. The additional number of rupees thus necessary to make up the sum required to defray the net disbursements in England has always been entered in a single line in the Accounts under the head of "Exchange," and for convenience sake has been divided by 10, so as to appear nominally as pounds sterling in the same way as the other figures. But this system of lumping together in one figure the charge under the head of exchange was inaccurate and misleading. The exchange not being apportioned to the several heads under which it arose, the sterling charges for interest on Debt—for Army, Railways, or any other head—did not show the full rupee charge incurred in meeting it. Hon. Members who sat on the Railway Committee in 1884 may remember that some difficulty arose then in ascertaining the real charge incurred in connection with the railways, as the expenditure shown against them omitted exchange. For the sake of greater accuracy, therefore, it has been decided to eliminate the item of exchange from the general account at pages 40 and 41 of the Blue Book, and to introduce into the detailed statements A and B at pages 42 to 47 a new column showing the exchange incurred under each head; and it will be seen that in the present form of the Accounts every item of receipt or expenditure carries with it its own exchange adjustment wherever such adjustment is involved. Consequently, it is now possible, in the case of every item of expenditure, by adding together the figures in the three columns, to arrive at the exact cost of each item to the Revenues of India (*e.g.* page 46, head 39. Interest), only it must always be borne in mind that the figures (excepting where the words "England" or "true sterling" are found with them) are practically index figures representing tens of rupees. In fact, this is really a statement in rupees, dressed in an English garb for the sake of our convenience. To illustrate this—by a concrete example. Let us suppose a payment of £500 has to be made in England, and a payment of Rs.10,000 in India under the same head. The payment in India would appear in the Accounts translated into pounds at the conventional rate of 2*s.* as £1,000. The payment in England is shown as £500; which, at the conventional rate of 2*s.*, is equal to Rs.5,000. But at the actual rate of exchange of 1*s.* 6*d.* the rupee, Rs.5,000 would only meet a payment of £375 in this country; and, therefore, when exchange is at 1*s.* 6*d.*, it is necessary to send 25 per cent, or ¼th more rupees, to meet gold payments than when exchange is at 2*s.*; consequently, to meet the payment of £500 in this country, it will require Rs.5,000 *plus* ⅓rd of Rs.5,000—that is, *plus* Rs.1,666: and these additional Rs.1,666 have to be brought to account. This is done by translating it into pounds at the conventional rate of 2*s.*, in the same way as the payment in India, so that it will stand as £166. This £166 would, under the old form of the Accounts, have been merged under the head "Exchange" in the General Statement; and there was nothing to show how the total cost of the exchange was distributed between the several items of expenditure. By the new system the £166 is shown by itself in the Detailed Statement, against the item to which it belongs. The first column, "Payments in India," shows the Rs.10,000 spent in India as £1,000 of Rs.10 each. The second column, "Payments in England," shows the £500 true sterling paid in this country. The third column, "Exchange," shows, as £166 of Rs.10 each, the Rs.1,666 required in excess of Rs.5,000 to make the payment of £500 true sterling in this country. In this way, by multiplying by 10 the total of the three columns, we get the amount of rupees actually charged upon the Revenues of India, and the figures in the General Statement include the cost of exchange incurred under each item. But I have to explain further if the alteration were limited to distributing the amount of exchange over the several items involving it, instead of giving it in one lump sum, the surplus or deficit at the end of the year would not have been affected; but a further change of importance has been made. By the former plan of calculating the exchange on the remittances from India effected during the year, it might happen that if there was a large loan in England, and a consequent reduction of the drawings, the charge for remittance would be considerably reduced, or, if the drawings were enhanced to pay off a debt of previous years, the exchange would be increased. This is now avoided by the charge for exchange being calculated on the expenditure of the year in England, instead of on the amount remitted from India; and by this change an alteration of the surplus or deficit is effected, not large in most years, but occasionally of importance, as will be seen by the Table contained in the foot-notes on pages 66 and 67. The circumstances of the year 1885-6 illustrate the importance of this change. The necessity for large military preparations in India, after the Budget had been published, caused a drain on the balances in that country, which compelled the Secretary of State to reduce his drawings very considerably; and the remittances from India fell short by upwards of £3,250,000 of the expenditure in England chargeable against Revenue; and, but for the change of system, the deficit now shown for the year 1885-6 would, after allowing for a set-off in India on railway transactions, have been reduced by £850,000, owing to the inability of the Government of India to make the necessary remittances. I may mention, before leaving this part of the subject, that, to facilitate a comparison of the present Estimates with past years, the Accounts from 1875-6 to 1884-5 have been recast, and are given at pages 64 to 85 of the Blue Book. There is one other small point, in connection with the new method of recording exchange, to which I should call attention. This is, that there is still a small item of exchange shown in the Accounts, in the Detailed Statements of Revenue and Expenditure, though in the General Statement it is merged under "Miscellaneous." This is rather a technical point, I am sorry to say. The item now represents the actual loss or gain to the Government, due to a transaction being carried out under contract at a fixed rate of exchange, which differs from the actual rate of the year, and the sums involved are of comparatively minor importance. In 1884-5 there is a gain of £12,000, and in 1885-6 of £260,000. In 1886-7 the Budget Estimate shows a loss of £138,000. To come to the figures, which will be given throughout in the new form, hon. Members who have the Statement in their hand will see that the Accounts of 1884-5 show a Revenue of £70,691,000, and an Expenditure of £71,077,000, giving a deficit on the year of £386,000. This is an improvement of £324,000 on the Revised Estimate, which showed a deficit of £710,000. The improvement, however, is really more than £324,000, the change in the form of Accounts having operated this year to increase the Expenditure in a greater proportion than the Revenue. Increases in the receipts from land revenue, salt, and railways, yielded a net improvement on the year of £560,000; and the deficit under the old form of Accounts would only have been £150,000, as against £710,000 as previously estimated. In speaking of this deficit, it should be remembered that during the year there were provided, from Revenue, sums of £263,000 for railway construction, and of £1,548,000 (page 41, General Statement of Expenditure) for famine relief and insurance. As, practically, there was no famine to relieve, the whole of this latter sum was spent on (page 44, Statement B, Items 33, 34, 35, 36) protective railways and irrigation works, and on reduction of debt. According to usual practice, in conformity with the principles laid down when the Famine Fund was commenced, the capital outlay on railways and irrigation works not charged to Revenue was £4,227,000, beside a capital charge of £1,315,000 in connection with the purchase of the Eastern Bengal Railway and Redemption of Liabilities. The net amount of debt incurred during the year was £1,194,000—so that, but for the capital charge, the debt would have been reduced by £121,000—the outlay on public works having been provided from savings bank and other deposits, and by a reduction of the balances to the extent of rather more than £2,500,000. That completes the Statement for 1884-5. I now come to the Budget and Revised Estimate of 1885-6. The Budget provided a surplus of £647,000; but anticipations of the Budget, as is well known, were demolished, or, to use the classical language of the noble Lord the Member for Paddington (Lord Randolph Churchill), last year, were "knocked on the head and smashed," by the unforeseen expenditure caused by the Afghan Frontier dispute and by the Burmese War. The results for 1885-6 now show that the Revenue estimated at £72,328,000 will probably be increased by £1,273,000, and will amount to a total of £73,601,000, while the Expenditure, estimated at £71,681,000, will probably be increased by £4,772,000, and will amount to a total of £76,453,000. The deficit is thus £2,852,000, and the Revised Estimate is altogether worse than the Budget, which contemplated a surplus of £647,000, by £3,499,000. Now I come to the capital outlay on railways and irrigation works not charged to Revenue, which is now put at £5,516,000, giving a total Expenditure in excess of Revenue of £8,368,000, which was met by borrowing to the extent of £2,924,000, the remainder being provided from the deposits of the Railway Companies, savings bank balances, &c. A telegram received from the Viceroy last Friday states that the latest information shows that the deficit is likely to be reduced by another £500,000. The extraordinary expenditure forced upon the Government of India during the year caused restrictions to be placed on the expenditure of the Provincial Governments, which spent altogether less than the amount of Revenues allotted to them by £114,000; though, as this amount was paid over to them from the Imperial balances, just as if it had actually been spent, it has to be included in the Expenditure of the Imperial Government. The result of the cutting down of the expenditure of the Provincial Governments was to increase their balances by £838,000, as it had been anticipated at the beginning of the year that they would spend the whole of their allotments as well. Before proceeding with the details of the Revised Estimate for 1885-6, I must call attention to another minor change which has been made in the form of the Accounts, in regard to the discount on loans. The Public Works Loan of £3,500,000 Three per Cent Stock, raised during the year, was issued at a little over 85¼, producing just under £3,000,000, the discount being just over £500,000. Under the old system of Accounts, the whole of the discount would have been charged as Expenditure against the year; and the entry under Debt Receipts would have been the full £3,500,000 for which the Government became liable. It has now been determined not to include in the Expenditure of the year the whole of the discount, but to spread it over a term of years, by charging in each year, up to the date when the loan first becomes redeemable, such a sum as, if invested at 3 per cent, will repay the full amount of the discount. I think that no fault can be found with the Government of India for adopting this course, and departing from a rather rigorous financial virtue by spreading the payment of this amount over a series of years, instead of making it a charge on the Revenue of the year in which the loan was raised. Accordingly, in 1885-6, the entry under Debt is reduced to £2,984,986, the money actually received, while the only charge against the year for discount is £2,721 entered under "Interest," that being the sum which, invested with accumulated interest each year, will have produced £515,014, the total amount of the discount, by 1948, when the Government will have the option of redeeming the Three Per Cent Stock. The chief items responsible for the variations between the Budget and Revised Estimates for 1885-6 are printed in the Explanatory Statement which I have caused to be prepared for the use of hon. Members who are following me in my Statement. An explanation of the causes of increase and decrease will be found in the Parliamentary Paper, No. 197, which was circulated a few days ago. This latter Paper gives the necessary information about details so clearly, that I do not think I need now go into any figures except those relating to "Army" and "Political Charges," under which head the extraordinary expenditure, due to the Afghan Frontier dispute and to the Burmese War, was incurred. The increase under these two heads amounts to a little more than £3,500,000, which sum, by a coincidence, is almost the amount of the total difference between the Budget and Revised Estimates of the year. Under "Political Charges" there is an increase of £464,000, due to the extra subsidies to the Ameer, to the expenses of the Rawal Pindi Durbar, where the Earl of Dufferin received the visit of the Ameer, and to the cost of the delimitation of the Afghan Frontier. Under "Army" there is a net increase of £3,054,000; and this in spite of reductions, amounting to £514,000, under the heads of Non-Effective Charges in England and of Commissariat and Transport. And here, again, the Government of India have departed from what I described just now as a financial virtue, not of their own accord, but at the request of the Treasury. The diminution of Non-Effective Charges in this country is £371,000, due to a change in the manner in which the Indian share of the pensions of the British troops is paid to the Treasury. Formerly the Indian Government paid annually the capital value of their share of these pensions. But now, at the request of the Treasury, we have agreed to pay in each year the proportion only of these pensions payable during the year, and to continue to pay such proportion for a series of years. The effect is to cause an immediate large reduction, owing to the fact that the system of capital payments has cleared us from all liabilities for pensions granted during previous years; but the amount payable under the new system will gradually increase for some 10 or 12 years, when it may be expected to attain its maximum of about £1,000,000. This diminution of £514,000 has to be set against a gross increase of £3,568,000. The following items to which the increase is mainly due deserve notice—First, military preparations—including £240,000 for the temporary railway up the Bolan, and £457,000 for stores from England—£2,514,000. Secondly, Camp of Exercise at Delhi, £100,000; this was the outcome of the military preparations, and was considered, I believe, to be very successful in its result. Thirdly, the Rawal Pindi Durbar—in addition to "Political Charges"—£50,000. Fourthly, Burmah War—including a gratuity of £30,000 to the troops—£390,000. Fifthly, Remounts—on account of re-organization of Artillery and augmentation of British and Native Forces—£91,000. Sixthly, Exchange—this item, as has been explained, appears under "Army" for the first time this year; under the old system it would have been included in the total of the item "Exchange"—£222,000. And, seventhly, other heads, £201,000, making a total of £3,568,000. Before dismissing the Revised Estimates, I must point out that although, under financial stress, less Revenue was spent on railway construction than in 1884-5, the deficit still includes a Revenue charge of £1,500,000 on Famine Relief and Insurance. I must also notice the very satisfactory increase of £899,000 in the Railway Receipts. But of this increase, more than £400,000 were earned by the North Western Railway—the name under which the lines hitherto known separately as the Scinde, the Punjab Northern, and the Indus Valley Railways have been amalgamated. The receipts of this line were swollen by the carriage of war materials and stores, required on the frontier in consequence of the military preparations. I ought also, perhaps, to refer to the decrease of £110,000 under Opium, and of £90,000 under the Salt Revenue. The falling-off under opium is due to a diminished export from the Native States. The decrease under salt is not considered of sufficient importance to justify any alteration in the Budget for this year. I now come to the current year 1886-7. The increase in the Expenditure last year was mainly due to the extraordinary causes which have been mentioned, and which, it is to be hoped, will not recur to the same extent. But, at the same time, the result of the events of last year has been to compel the Government of India to render the line of the Indus River, the natural frontier of the country, impregnable, and to place the Army on a stronger footing. The noble Lord the Member for South Paddington (Lord Randolph Churchill), when making this Statement last year, took occasion, in explaining the necessity of these works, to enter into what was regarded at the time as a violent attack upon the policy of a former Viceroy of India. I do not wish to enter upon recriminatory arguments, though to do so might have made this Statement more interesting. We all know that the noble Lord is obliged at times to give vent to his feelings by making an attack of some kind or other upon somebody, and of that we have a very fair instance before us in the newspapers this morning. Therefore, I think I may put this attack as a necessity coming from the noble Lord, and I shall not endeavour to make my Statement more interesting by going into it. I will confine myself strictly to the Statement I have to lay before the Committee. I shall revert presently to what is being done to carry out these necessary measures. Their financial effect is to add some £2,000,000 as a permanent annual charge on the Indian Revenues, and the Expenditure of 1886-7 does not fall again to the level it had reached in 1884-5. The Expenditure, which in 1884-5 was £71,000,000, leapt to £76,500,000 last year, which, however, was an extraordinary year, with a deficit of nearly £3,000,000. Nevertheless, in comparison with last year, the Expenditure of the present year only shows a reduction of less than £900,000. And the present year must be regarded as a normal one, the first of a new *régime*. 1884-5, the last year of the old *régime*, showed a total Expenditure of £71,000,000. The Expenditure of the present year is £76,500,000. Part, however, of this increase, I may explain again, is only apparent; both sides of the Account, Revenue and Expenditure, being proportionately swollen by the development of the railways, and by the addition to our territories of Upper Burmah. The actual increase of Expenditure is, perhaps, better shown by taking the net figures. The net Expenditure in 1884-5 was £42,000,000. In 1886-7 it is estimated at £44,000,000. The growth of Expenditure in India demands most serious attention; and, from the form of the Amendment which my hon. Friend the Member for Flintshire (Mr. S. Smith) proposes to move, I imagine that he takes up that line. Charges of extravagance are made against the Government of India, and I wish to show by the figures that those charges ought not, legitimately, to be made. I think that the Government of India have, on the whole, a very good answer to make. I have, therefore, analyzed the Expenditure of 1885-6, taking as the basis of my comparison the year 1881-2, which was the first year of recovery from the disturbance of the finances caused by the Afghan War and the Famines, and which showed a surplus of more than £3,500,000. To make the comparison fair, we must deduct from the gross Expenditure of those two years the cost of the working expenses of the railways and irrigation works (Revenue Account). It is obvious that, as each mile of railway or canal is opened, there is an increase of working expenses, balanced by an increase of receipts on the Revenue side; and it is, therefore, misleading to treat as increase of Expenditure the development of our public works. For the same reason, I shall deduct the cost of the collection of the Opium Revenue; and, finally, I shall deduct the cost of the remittances to this country to meet payments chargeable against Revenue, because that is an item over which the Government has no control. The following is the result of the comparison:—The gross Expenditure in 1881-2 was £72,090,000, from which must be deducted all payments on account of the Afghan War—£1,648,000—which puts the Expenditure of 1881-2 at £70,442,000. I have done that because I think it might be objected by hon. Members that it is unfair to include payments on account of that war. The gross Expenditure in 1885-6 was £76,453,000. So that the gross increase last year was, therefore, £6,011,000, which undoubtedly, at first sight, seems to be a very large figure. But under Railway Revenue Account the Expenditure has risen from £11,171,000 in 1881-2 to £14,225,000 in 1885-6, being an increase of £3,054,000. Under Irrigation it has risen from £2,048,000 to £2,306,000, an increase of £258,000. Under Opium it has risen from £2,058,000 to £3,110,000, an increase of £1,052,000. Under Exchange—on other expenditure chargeable to Revenue—it has risen from £2,048,000 to £2,817,000, an increase of £769,000. The net increase, under the heads which have to be omitted from our comparisons, is thus £5,133,000, which, deducted from the gross increase of £6,011,000, leaves a net increase of Expenditure in 1885-6, as compared with 1881-2, of £878,000. The actual increase in the last four years is, therefore, less than £1,000,000, notwithstanding that we eliminated all extraordinary charges from 1881-2, while there has been included in 1885-6 more than £3,000,000 on account of extraordinary charges—namely, £2,514,000 for military preparations; £390,000 for the Burmah operations; and £233,000 for an increase in the pay of British troops, rendered necessary by the fall in the value of silver. If we had eliminated the extraordinary charges from the latter years as we did from the former, so far from having an increase of Expenditure to the extent of £878,000, we should have had a diminution of more than £2,000,000. Well, Sir, on the whole, bearing these facts in mind, I think the Government of India has a fair answer to accusations on the score of extravagance, and I commend the fact to my hon. Friend the Member for Flintshire (Mr. S. Smith). Of course, there has been this extraordinary expenditure; but, as I said before, that expenditure is not to be expected to occur to the same extent again. And, if hon. Members will refer to the Blue Book (No. 195 of last year) on Reduction of Expenditure, they will see that the Secretary of State in Council has gone thoroughly into the subject, and lost no opportunity of bringing its importance home to the Government of India. And I must also remind hon. Members that a Committee on Reduction of Expenditure is now sitting at Simla. Well, Sir, turning to the comparison of the Budget Estimates for the current year with last year's Revised Estimate, the Budget Estimate for 1886-7 is altogether better than the Revised Estimate. The Revenue, which in the Revised Estimate for 1885-6 was put at £73,601,000, is estimated to increase by £2,198,000, and to amount to £75,799,000. The Expenditure, which in the Revised Estimate for 1885-6 was put at £76,453,000, is estimated to be diminished by £836,000, and to amount to £73,617,000, giving a surplus of £182,000; and the Budget for 1886-7 is altogether better than the Revised Estimate of 1885-6, which contemplated a deficit of £2,852,000, by £3,034,000. The total capital outlay on railways and irrigation works not charged to Revenue is estimated at at £5,427,000, and on Special Defence works at £442,000, making a total capital expenditure of £5,869,000, of which it is calculated that £4,571,000 will be provided by borrowing, the rest being supplied by the balances. And now I come to an explanation in regard to the Provincial balances. The Provincial balances, which had been expected to close in 1885-6 with a balance improved to the extent of £114,000, are to be reduced during the year by £975,000, the amount spent from them by the Provincial Governments; and these balances show, therefore, a total diminution of £1,089,000 in comparison with 1885-6. The pressure of the Army charges on the Imperial Revenues made it necessary to withhold from the Provincial Governments £400,000 of their allotments, the result being to reduce the charges against the Imperial Revenue by that amount, and to compel the Provincial Governments to provide from their balances the £400,000 by which their revenues will be reduced, in addition to the expenditure of £575,000 they themselves contemplated out of their balances. The year, as I have said, closes with a surplus of £182,000. This is very small; but I am glad to say that the Government of India telegraphed on Friday that, in spite of the difficulties in Upper Burmah, they had no reason to doubt that the anticipations of the Budget would be fulfilled, unless, indeed, there should be any fall in the Exchange below 1*s.* 6*d.*, the rate on which the cost of our remittances for the year is based. On this point I am bound to admit that we have no feeling of security. No great sale of Council Bills has been effected since the 31st of March; but those sold have only realized an average price of 1*s.* 5¾*d.* I am quite alive to the fact that the fall in the price of silver, and in commodities also in this country which has accompanied it, is not without compensations in more than one direction to India as a whole. But the seriousness of this question of the exchange to the Government can be realized without difficulty, when we remember that every fall of 1*d.* in the value of the rupee represents to India an increased expenditure of over £1,000,000, and that it is altogether beyond the power of the Government of India, single-handed, to arrest the causes of this fall. I understand that the Royal Commission on the Depression of Trade has taken account of the subject to some extent, and I believe the result of its investigations will be looked forward to with interest by the Government of India. Apart, however, from any considerations of a silver policy in the future, I think, as regards the present year, that, if it becomes clear that the anticipated surplus will not be realized, the Government will be bound in duty to take steps to prevent a deficit, which can only be done by reducing expenditure. There is, I believe, hardly any branch of expenditure in which a reduction will not be an evil, or, at least, a grave inconvenience. The question is one of a choice of evils. To return to our comparison of this year with last, the Revenue of 1886-7, as I have said, is estimated at an increase of £2,198,000 over the Revenue of 1885-6. But of this great increase £1,615,000 is due to the fact that the Revenues of Upper Burmah are included in the Estimates for the first time this year, and that, owing to the purchase of the Scinde Railway by the State, the gross receipts and working expenses of the line are also shown for the first time on both sides of the Account, as is the practice with the State lines, and not only the net receipts. As regards Upper Burmah, the result of the extension of the Indian Empire is a net charge on the year of £110,000, the Revenue being taken at £665,000, and the Expenditure at £775,000. Almost the whole of the Revenue from Upper Burmah is derived from Land Revenue, which is estimated at £515,000. Forests are expected to yield £90,000, and only £60,000 is expected to be received from all other sources. On the Expenditure side the Military Charges are put at £300,000; Police at £154,000; Public Works at £100,000; Law and Justice will cost £58,000; and the Administration of the Land Revenue £92,000. These items account for £704,000 of expenditure, out of £775,000. Upper Burmah is, therefore, responsible for the increases in the Revenue from Forests and Land Revenue, and for the increase in Expenditure under Land Revenue, Law and Justice, and Police. For the information of the Committee, I may, perhaps, be allowed to give the latest Reports we have received in regard to the state of Upper Burmah. Although not exactly germane to a Financial Statement, they may be a matter of interest to hon. Members. The telegram is as follows:—

> "Late Reports regarding the pacification of the country are more favourable. In Lower Burmah there is still some disturbance in the Prome and Tharrawaddy districts; but the dacoit bands have broken up, and the country generally is quiet. In Upper Burmah disturbances continue, but here, also, there is decided improvement. Kendat, on Upper Chindwin, was occupied on the 10th June. The districts round Mandalay are quiet. New police from Northern India are being distributed over districts in Irrawaddy Valley, and are doing well. During a recent periodical tour through Southern districts, Mr. Bernard found that convoys of carts are able to go without armed escorts on the roads, and preparations for agriculture are everywhere going on. The rainy season has begun favourably. Some insurgent leaders were treating for submission. Villagers and headmen friendly and anxious for the protection of troops. It is doubted whether so much revenue will be collected this year as had been hoped; but it is not anticipated that there will be any extraordinary deficit."

That is shortly the information I have to give in regard to the prospects in Upper Burmah. I now come to the increase under assessed taxes of £943,000 due to the conversion of the Licence Tax into an Income Tax. Part of this gain is nominal, as Government has to pay Income Tax on their share of surplus profits on railways, so that it is only a transfer from railway receipts to the head of assessed taxes, and the net gain is estimated at £765,000. I had intended to say something as to the nature of this tax; but, as time is passing, I will only point out that it is not a new tax; it has been in intermittent operation, with varying incidence, and sometimes in the shape of a Licence Tax, ever since 1860. In 1878 complaints were made that the professional and official classes were exempt from it. But, owing to the then favourable finances and remissions of taxation which took place, no attempt to include them was made. In 1880 the minimum taxable income was raised to Rs.500, which exempted from the tax in Bengal alone 580,000 out of the 740,000 previously assessed, and reduced the estimated number throughout India of those who paid it to 250,000 persons. The new tax which has been imposed this year gets rid of the complaint that the professional and official classes were exempt from Income Tax. The tax falls at the rate of 2 per cent on incomes between Rs.500 and Rs.2,000, 2½ per cent at or above Rs.2,000. A great many incomes already taxed are not affected by it. Altogether about 300,000 persons will pay the tax. Under opium there is an improvement on the Revenue side of £313,000. It is expected that, in consequence of the large crops in recent years, there will be sold 4,500 more chests this year than last. On the Expenditure side there is a decrease of £460,000, owing to the crop being smaller this year than last, when it was unusually large. The total improvement under this head is, therefore, £773,000. I now come to the Expenditure. The two most important items on this side of the Account are Army and Railways, about which I shall speak in some detail. I must first, however, notice that the increase of nearly £600,000 under Civil works is mainly incurred on roads which are being constructed in Upper Burmah, and on the North-Western Frontier in connection with the military schemes for the fortification of the frontier. With regard to the Army, the charge for the Army during 1886-7 shows a decrease of £1,500,000, in comparison with the Revised Estimate of 1885-6. But the military charges were abnormally swollen last year, as I have already explained; and, for a fair comparison, it is necessary to go back to the Budget Estimate of last year. The Budget Estimate of Army charges for last year was £16,675,000; for this year it is £18,266,000; a net increase of £1,591,000. The total increase is made up thus—in India £1,127,000, England £464,000, making altogether £1,591,000. The chief items responsible for the increase in India are—Regimental Pay and Allowances—due to increase of strength—£683,000. Commissariat—due to operations in Burmah and increase of strength—£317,000. Remounts—due to increase of Cavalry—£91,000. In England the Home charges were increased by £125,000 for expenses on account of the increased strength of the British troops in India, by £120,000 on account of deferred pay, and by £134,000, mainly due to the supply of 25,000 Martini-Enfield rifles, and of new guns for the mountain batteries. The preceding figures have shown the cost incurred during the year in strengthening our Army in India. I have now to say a few words about the progress which is being made. The permanent increase to the British Force during the trooping season of last year was 6,500 men. It is not necessary that I should go into details. I think the leading figures will be sufficient; but if the noble Lord opposite (Lord Randolph Churchill) requires more figures I shall be ready to give them to him. The increase of 6,500 was composed of Infantry 5,400, Artillery 650, and Cavalry 450. During the trooping season in the winter of this year there will be despatched about 3,300 more — namely, Infantry 2,500 men, and Cavalry 800. During 1887-8 it is intended to send out garrison batteries of 690 men in all, bringing the total Establishment of British troops in India to 69,764 men of all ranks, excluding officers. The total cost of the maintenance of the additional British troops will be in all about £675,000; while the extra Home charges will be £150,000 during the current year, and £50,000 during 1887-8. These troops will, for the most part, be quartered in the existing barracks, with the exception of the garrison batteries, who will occupy the defensive works which it is intended to construct on our North-West Frontier. As regards the Native Army, 4,582 men of all ranks have been added to the Cavalry, bringing the total numbers to 22,000 men; and three additional regiments of Ghoorkhas have been raised, amounting to 2,736 of all ranks. It is hoped that, during the ensuing season, two other battalions of Ghoorkhas may be equipped, giving an additional 1,824 men. The cost of this increase of strength will be £360,000. The total authorized increase to the Native Infantry is 1,198 of all ranks. But it has not yet been decided how to recruit the whole of the additional men. For the present, the increase is comprised of the 4,560 Ghoorkhas whom I have mentioned. A certain amount of expenditure is also being incurred on the defences of Aden, Bombay, and Kurrachee, for which 10-inch guns have been ordered; and also Hotchkiss and machine guns for the coast and inland defences, at a cost, in all, of some £244,000. The re-arming of the Forces, both British and Native, with improved rifles, is being carried out at a total estimated cost of over £350,000. There is also a prospective charge for floating coast defences. This includes interest on an initial outlay of over £250,000 on gun-vessels and torpedo-boats. It will also be necessary, in the course of the next three years, to arm the whole of the Field Artillery with the new breech-loading rifle 12 pound field piece, at a cost, roughly stated, of £500,000. It is not yet possible to say in what proportion the cost of these improvements will fall on each of the next few years; but it is an expenditure which the Government have made preparations to face. This is a detailed statement of the addition to the Army which it was found necessary to make last year, in view of the emergency which arose. I now come to the important subject of public works. Before giving a short account of the financial position of public works, I have to explain an alteration in the method of exhibiting the Accounts under this head. There has always been a sort of controversy as to how far borrowed money should be spent upon public works; and for some time it has been the rule that borrowed money should only be spent on works that were expected to be productive to the extent of not less than 4 per cent on the outlay; and the cost of constructing other works was charged against Revenue, either under the head of protective works—that is, works calculated to afford protection against famine—or else under that of public works not classed as productive. The whole question of railway policy was investigated by a Committee in 1884, and in accordance with their recommendation it was determined to borrow more freely for the construction of such works, and not to restrict the outlay of borrowed money to lines technically termed productive. Consequently, the method of stating the financial results of public works, distinguishing between productive and non-productive works, which was adopted in the time of the noble Lord the Member for Middlesex (Lord George Hamilton), has ceased to be satisfactory. It has now been decided to show under one head the financial results of all railways of whatever character, the receipts of the State being shown on one side, and the working expenses and interest borne by the State upon the other side. No outlay on construction is included in this head. The portion supplied by borrowed money is shown outside the Revenue Account; that charged against Revenue is shown under the head of Famine Relief and Insurance, if within the limit of expenditure authorized on works calculated to protect the country against famine, or else under a new head (No. 37) called "Construction of Railways (charged against Revenue in addition to that under Famine Insurance)." Irrigation works are treated in a similar way. The net charge for Railways during 1886-7 is estimated at £1,722,000 (shown under the heading of Railway Revenue Account in the new form of the Accounts). The charge for 1885-6 is put at £782,000; so that the cost is £940,000 greater than last year. Of this increase of £940,000, £159,000 is due to the increased cost of making payments in this country in consequence of the fall in the value of the rupee; but it is mainly caused by an increase of the interest on debt raised for the construction of State lines, and of the interest on the deposits of the Southern Mahratta and Indian Midland Railways. Before leaving the figures of the railways for 1886-7, I must point out that the total net charge of £1,722,000 almost corresponds with the cost of exchange. The total outlay on the construction of railways estimated for 1886-7 is £5,336,000, of which £3,719,000 is for Frontier Railways. Last year the total outlay was £6,134,000, of which £2,975,000 was for Frontier Railways; so that for the present year, whilst the total expenditure on all railways is less, that on the Frontier Railways is greater than last year, showing that expenditure on protective and other railways has had to be reduced. The amount, too, provided out of Revenue for railway construction shows a diminution of about £600,000, as compared with last year, there being a reduction of Expenditure from Revenue, apart from the Famine Insurance Fund, of over £500,000, and of £89,000 in the amount usually apportioned from that fund. In consequence of the anxiety of the Government of India to have the Indian Midland Railway constructed on account of its usefulness in protecting the country from famine—[Lord RANDOLPH CHURCHILL: For military purposes.]—the noble Lord the late Secretary of State sanctioned the payment of the necessary amount of interest to that Company from the Famine Insurance Fund. The sum, therefore, of £138,700 is deducted from the expenditure on account of that Fund, and is merged in the general statement of Railway expenditure, so that the full burden of the Government in connection with the railways may be accurately shown. The total amount to be expended from borrowed money for railways and irrigation works during the year is estimated at £5,427,000. The Railway Committee of 1884 recommended in their Report that the sum of £2,500,000, which was fixed by the Select Committee of 1878-9 as the limit of borrowing, should be enlarged at the discretion of the Secretary of State in Council; and since then the limit has been £3,500,000. This rule has had to be suspended in consequence of the necessity for the construction of the frontier works. About £440,000 is also charged this year to loan funds on account of coast and land defences. But this is an exceptional occurrence. Now, Sir, having dealt with the most important items of Expenditure during the coming year, I come to a question which will specially interest my hon. Friend the Member for Flintshire (Mr. S. Smith), and that is the question of debt. It is a subject upon which many people seem to have the vaguest ideas, and, like most vague ideas, I think they are exaggerated. The subject of the Debt of India is so much mixed up with that of public works that I shall, to a great extent, have to take them together. To estimate the real indebtedness of a country, to discover the actual burden, the dead-weight of debt, which presses upon the taxpayers, it is surely necessary to distinguish between debt against which you have nothing remunerative to show, and debt which provides its own support. It seems to me that there is all the difference between them that there is between a pauper and a profitable servant. The one lives a burden upon the taxpayers, while the other is not only self-supporting, but contributes by his work to add to the general wealth and prosperity of all. The hon. Member for Flintshire, in an article which he recently published in *The Contemporary Review*, gives some figures on the Debt of India which require correction. They were about right in regard to 1884, but not up to date. The hon. Member, in an article called, I think, *India Revisited*, said—

> "The Indian Government has also contracted a large National Debt (say £161,000,000), part of it covered by public works, but the greater part (say about £100,000,000) of the nature of our own and other National Debts."

The Accounts of 1884 (April) show that, while the total debt of India was rather more than £161,000,000, about £68,000,000 were covered by public works, railways, and irrigation works, about £93,000,000 being for other purposes. The Budget for the year which will end March 31, 1887, gives the total Debt at rather less than £176,000,000, showing an increase of £14,500,000 in three years. But the amount incurred for railways and irrigation works during that period will have been increased by over £22,000,000, so that practically the Debt not covered by the public works has decreased by £7,500,000, which is due to that amount being devoted to the construction of such works out of Revenue. Let me now give, further, a statement of the assets and liabilities on the 31st of March, 1886, and this time I include the liabilities of the Government in respect of Guaranteed as well as of State Railways. On the 31st of March, 1886, the liabilities of the Government of India were—Debt in India, £93,124,000; Debt in England, £73,807,000, Railway Companies' Subscribed Capital, £77,474,000; and other obligations, £15,151,000. The total liabilities were £259,556,000; but, deducting assets £208,179,000, the uncovered liabilities were £51,377,000, or about one and a quarter years' income from taxation. The assets were, State Railways, £50,214,000; Purchased Lines, East Indian Railway, £32,610,000; Eastern Bengal Railway, £3,691,000; and Railway Companies' lines, £73,131,000; total for Railways, £159,646,000; Irrigation Works, £23,938,000; Loans to Municipalities, £7,469,000; Cash Balances, £17,126,000, making a total of £208,179,000. I have one further statement to make, comparing the net charge for interest on debt for railways and irrigation 10 years ago with the Revised Estimate of it for last year; and I do not think that on a review of these figures we should be justified in taking a gloomy view of the position of India as regards her Debt. The following figures show the net charge for interest, railways, and irrigation works.

	1875-6	1885-6
Net Charge for Interest on Debt, other than that charged to Railways and Irrigation Works	4,247,000	3,628,000
Net Charge for Railways: Companies' Lines . . .	1,175,000	1,347,000
Net Charge for State Railways (including Purchased Lines) .	384,000	—564,000
Net Charge for Irrigation	1,147,000	777,000
Total Net Charge . . .	6,953,000	5,188,000

The result is a reduction of £1,765,000 in 10 years, notwithstanding an increase of £1,616,000 in the charge for exchange included under these heads. I may now mention the percentage of earnings of public works in 1885-6. State Railways—gross receipts £9,805,000; working expenses, £4,740,000; net receipts, £5,065,000; Guaranteed Railways, net receipts, £3,644,000; total net receipts from Railways, £8,709,000. On £150,346,000 of capital spent up to March 31, 1885, in railway construction, £8,709,000 is equal to a return of 5·79 per cent; and, assuming that the whole of the capital had been supplied from England, and that the receipts had to be remitted at 1*s*. 6*d*. the rupee to defray the charge for interest, the return would be equal to £4 6*s*. 10*d*. per cent. Similarly, the capital spent on irrigation works up to March 31, 1885, was £23,122,000, and the net receipts from these works were £791,600, giving a return of 3·42 per cent. But in this case there is no allowance to be made for remittances to England on account of interest, the capital having been practically provided by borrowing in India. I have now, Sir, completed the figures which it has been necessary for me to lay before the Committee; and it seems to me that, reviewing the whole situation, apart from this question of silver, which, no doubt, is severely exercising the mind of the Government of India and of other persons at the present time—apart from that question, over which they have no control—I do not see that the finances of India are in so bad a state as one would be led to infer from the Amendment of which my hon. Friend the Member for Flintshire (Mr. S. Smith) has given Notice. I hope that in the coming year the Estimate of Receipts will not fail, and that it may not be necessary to diminish the expenditure, especially upon useful works. The Government of India have been obliged to postpone many works which they would have liked to have carried out, on account of the construction of the Frontier Railways; but, when those have been completed, it is hoped that they may be able to resume the expenditure on those productive works which add so much to the resources of India, and do so much to improve the condition of the people of India. I feel that I have trespassed at very great length upon the time of the Committee, and I thank them for the attention they have paid to my Statement. I hope that my explanation has been clear, and I beg, in conclusion, to move the formal Resolution.

Motion made, and Question proposed,

"That it appears, by the Accounts laid before this House, that the Total Revenue of India for the year ending the 31st day of March 1885 was £70,690,681; that the Total Expenditure in India and in England charged to Revenue was £71,077,127; that there was an excess of Expenditure over Revenue of £386,446, and that the Capital Outlay on Railways and Irrigation Works was £4,226,613, besides a Capital Charge of £1,314,746 in connection with the Purchase of the Eastern Bengal Railway, and in the Redemption of Liabilities." —(*Mr. Stafford Howard.*)

LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL (Paddington, S.): I quite agree with the hon. Gentleman who has just sat down that there is nothing whatever in the financial condition of India, so far as it has been explained to-night, or so far as he has been able to learn it, which would in any degree warrant the Amendment which the hon. Member for Flintshire (Mr. S. Smith) has placed on the Paper. There is certainly nothing in the financial condition of India to cause grave anxiety, nor can it be argued with any amount of force that the expenditure is excessive, or that it necessitates a resort to taxes repugnant to Native opinion. These are propositions which I do not imagine for a moment the hon. Member would be able to persuade the Committee are in any degree accurate. At the same time, I am sure that the Under Secretary of State for India is not anxious that the House of Commons should take a very rosy view as to the financial state of India. I imagine that the financial state of India is one which requires careful consideration and careful management. With careful consideration and careful management the financial state of India is one that will bear favourable comparison with the financial state of any other country. The hon. Gentleman, in alluding to the Debt of India, has quoted figures which go to show that the Debt of India is in reality much smaller than it appears on paper, and I think he brought the actual uncovered Debt down to £60,000,000. That is true to a certain extent. But to arrive at this figure the assets have been calculated at their full value, and that value can only be maintained while our position in India is secured as a strong one. If you allow your political position to be weakened or demoralized your assets will undoubtedly suffer very greatly in value, and your Debt will soon mount up. The hon. Gentleman has kept very closely to figures; and whether from a wish to spare the time of the Committee, or from some other cause, he has not given the Committee any general information as to the condition of Indian affairs generally. The only disadvantage of the kind of statement which the hon. Gentleman has made is that it is very difficult to follow him at all in immediate debate into the numerous and complicated figures that he has quoted. At the same time, although numerous and complicated, I have no doubt of their accuracy. The officials at the India Office are not accustomed to make errors in accounts; but, at the same time, in order to comment and argue upon the figures, it is necessary first of all to see them in print before being able to criticize them. In addition to this fact, it is obvious that this is not a very favourable opportunity for any exhaustive consideration of Indian affairs. Other matters are occupying the mind of the House of Commons, and the attendance of Members is exceedingly slender. Therefore, I cannot but think that Parliament would have a better opportunity of going into these matters later in the year. If, however, the Committee will allow me to occupy its attention for a few minutes, I should like to make two or three remarks rather in the nature of inquiry than criticism. The hon. Gentleman commenced by announcing a change in the form of Account. I imagine that I am—at any rate in recent years—the only Minister responsible for the India Office who has brought forward a Budget which did not announce a change in the form of Account. These changes are made nearly every year, and are exceedingly inconvenient, for they prevent anyone but an experienced financier being able to compare one year's Statement with another. The English form of Accounts is scarcely ever changed. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will correct me if I am wrong; but I think the same form of account is presented year after year. Constant changes in the form of Account are only calculated to lead to confusion. Not only have changes been made in the form of Accounts, but they have been made in such a way as to be extremely inconvenient. However, I content myself with that remark, and I hope that the hon. Gentleman will be of opinion that the time has now arrived when no further changes should be made, and that there will be an undertaking that, at any rate for the next 10 years, the Accounts will remain as they are. Sir, the hon. Gentleman has alluded to the increase in the Indian Expenditure—an increase amounting to rather more than £2,000,000 over the Expenditure of the year 1884-5—an increase entirely owing to military expenditure; and the hon. Gentleman said that the increase was mainly due to extraordinary charges. There I must take issue with the hon. Gentleman altogether. It is one of the peculiar features of Liberal Ministers, when addressing the House of Commons on questions of finance, to represent to the House of Commons that any expenditure incurred by them is extraordinary expenditure due to causes over which they can exercise no control—causes which will rapidly pass away if the administration of affairs remain in their hands. Now, the Committee would be altogether in error if they were to imagine for a moment that any of this increase is of an extraordinary nature. I hold that it is strictly normal, and that it will have to be kept up for an indefinite time; that you will not be able to reduce your Army in India, and, consequently, that you will not be able to reduce the cost of your Army, but that you will, in all probability, have to increase your Army in India as time goes on. The Committee may not receive that statement with pleasure; but that it is a true statement I defy anybody to contradict. The total change which last year came over the Indian Empire, owing to the Russian advance, made itself felt to the extent of £2,000,000 of your Expenditure. Therefore, I altogether differ from the hon. Gentleman when he describes to the Committee the increase in Indian Expenditure as being due to extraordinary causes.

Mr. STAFFORD HOWARD: I said that the £2,000,000 were to be considered as a permanent increase.

Lord RANDOLPH CHURCHILL: I did not hear the word "permanent." I was very much struck by that portion of the hon. Gentleman's speech; but if he says now that it will be a permanent increase of Expenditure, then I withdraw my remarks on that subject. Then the hon. Gentleman alluded to the whole of the £8,000,000 and over deficit which is put down upon this Paper under the head of Revised Estimate. [Mr. Stafford Howard: Extraordinary.] Exactly; £5,000,000 of which is capital outlay on railways and irrigation works not charged to Revenue, and is due to extraordinary causes; but then that might, to some extent, mislead the Committee. I do not doubt that it will be necessary for the Indian Government to go on spending money at the Indian Frontier for some time, and I am also of opinion that the more you continue to fortify that Frontier the more you will have to expend, and that the Committee will not be wise to look on it as likely to arrive at anything like a perfect state under a period of, say, 10 years. I do not say that you will have to expend £5,000,000 a-year on Frontier Railways; but I say that the whole of your Expenditure must not be put down as altogether extraordinary, and that the expenditure on fortifications will add to the sum which the hon. Gentleman says is a permanent charge some further considerable sums of money. Now, the hon. Gentleman alluded to some charges of extravagance brought by persons acquainted with Indian affairs against the Government of India in respect of the Expenditure; and the hon. Gentleman quoted figures, which he seemed to think constituted a good answer to anything in the way of charges of extravagance brought against the Indian Government. I know that it is easy to take the figures of the Government of India, and to say that it is a very economical Government; but the hon. Gentleman did not tell the Committee what I think he might have told them—that when the Budget for this year was brought before the India Office and Council, and sanctioned by them, a very strong separate despatch was written by the Secretary of State in Council to the Government in India, directing attention to economies which were absolutely necessary in the opinion of the Secretary of State to be made, and that the economies which the Secretary of State had in view at the time were economies under the head of Public Works, and particularly under the head of Civil Buildings and Roads. These represented an expenditure which, in the Government of the Marquess of Ripon, amounted, I think, to £1,000,000 over what it was in 1880, and that was certainly an expenditure which I had in my mind when I inculcated economy on the Government of India in a separate despatch. If, then, we can get the Government of India to economize under that head, I do not think that any great charge of extravagance would lie against them; and I only bring the matter to mind in order to hear from the hon. Gentleman whether the views I expressed still continue to influence the Indian Government in the matter of public works. With regard to the surplus, a point occurs to me on which, perhaps, the hon. Gentleman will be able to enlighten the Committee. It will be observed that the surplus, which is stated at £182,000, is extremely small and narrow. I do not think it was ever so small before. The hon. Gentleman also said that the rupee was taken at 1*s.* 6*d.*, whereas since the beginning of the financial year the value of the rupee had been only 1*s.* 5¾*d.*; and, therefore, the value of the rupee has fallen by ¼*d.* from the Budget Estimate. Well, Sir, the fall of ¼*d.* is equal to £250,000, and if you take that sum from £182,000 I am of opinion that you will arrive at a minus quantity; and, therefore, if the hon. Gentleman wishes to place the whole situation candidly and frankly before the Committee, I think it would be better to tell the Committee that the Government of India has a deficit. The hon. Gentleman alluded to Upper Burmah and its annexation. I was agreeably surprised—as was, no doubt, every Member of the Committee—to hear from the hon. Gentleman that the cost of the annexation of Upper Burmah would not place a further charge than £100,000 upon the Revenues of India. That, I think, is extremely satisfactory and creditable to the Indian Government. It was 10 years before Lower Burmah was able to pay its way, and I think that the deficit incurred by the annexation of Lower Burmah was considerably greater than the deficit now estimated in 1875. The hon. Gentleman (Sir George Campbell) says it is only an estimate, and, of course, he is just as good a judge of the matter as I am; but, however it may be with Civil Estimates, I have never known the Viceroy estimate wrong with regard to military matters; and, therefore, I am disposed to attach credit to the statement that £100,000 will cover the cost, and I think the House of Commons may look forward to a time not far distant when Upper Burmah will make way as Lower Burmah does now. There are one or two questions I should like to ask the hon. Gentleman. First of all, I should be glad if he would inform the Committee what has been done by the Viceroy in Upper Burmah to develop the resources of that country. Upper Burmah possesses great sources of wealth, one of which may prove to be hereafter very considerable indeed—I allude to the petroleum springs there. I want to know whether the Government have taken that resource in hand, and in what manner they have determined to proceed with regard to it; because I think that if the petroleum springs come out as it is expected they will, the deficit will soon be changed into a surplus. Again, I ask what has been done in the matter of the ruby mines in Upper Burmah; because I saw it stated the other day that the Viceroy and the Government had entered into a sort of a contract with a jeweller who is the representative of a syndicate to make over the ruby mines. I hope there is no truth in that report. I am strongly of opinion that the Viceroy ought, under no circumstances whatever, to allow either the petroleum springs or the ruby mines of Upper Burmah to pass out of the hands of the Government of India. There is another report which I also see in the Press about which I will take this opportunity of inquiring. It has been stated, with regard to the seat of Government, that the Committee appointed to inquire into the State Expenditure of India have recommended that the Government should be permanently established at Simla. Well, Sir, I hope the hon. Member will contradict this statement, or, if not, that he will be able to inform the Committee that nothing will induce the Secretary of State to entertain that idea, because I cannot imagine anything more fatal to the efficiency of the Government than that it should be for the whole year in Simla. The question raised by the Finance Committee is a very grave one; and, so far from recommending the establishment of the Government at Simla all the year round, I am of opinion that it would be much better if the Government never went to Simla at all. In re-arranging your system, as it may be you will have to do before long, the question will arise as to whether Calcutta is the proper place for the seat of Government; and when that time does arrive I am certain that if it should be decided to change the location of the Government in India at all it will not be to Simla, but much more probably to a place like Poonah, surrounded by the most splendid and salubrious Hill Stations that can be found in India, and where the whole administration could be economically conducted. Finally, I have to thank the Committee for allowing me to make these comments, and to congratulate the hon. Gentleman on the clear statement which he has made.

Sir GEORGE CAMPBELL (Kirkcaldy, &c.): The noble Lord, in the sentence in which he referred to the Motion of my hon. Friend the Member for Flintshire (Mr. S. Smith), said that my hon. Friend was not right in his view of Indian finance; and he then at once proceeded to say that a very great expenditure was coming upon us; but I do not remember that he suggested any mode by which that expenditure could be met. Therefore, I shall be glad to have an opportunity of hearing my hon. Friend the Member for Flintshire on this occasion. I sympathize with the Motion which he has placed on the Paper; but I do not intend specially to refer to it, further than to say that I think there is good cause to believe that the financial position of India may reasonably be considered a subject for grave anxiety. In listening to the statement of the Under Secretary I could not help feeling much of that anxiety. I confess that I have always been somewhat of a pessimist in regard to Indian finance, because I looked forward to a bad time coming when we should be landed in a heavy deficit, which I am afraid is now upon us. With regard to the Budget of the present year, it appears that with the utmost endeavours all that the Government of India can obtain is a bare equilibrium between Revenue and Expenditure. In the first place, a considerable sum of money is to be got by disturbing the arrangements of the Local Governments, and mulcting them in large sums; secondly, by imposing a considerable amount of new taxation; and next, I observe that no provision is made for contingencies likely to arise, and which may necessitate further expenditure. I have always found that some such contingencies do happen in India; but no provision is made for them. Therefore I agree with my hon. Friend the Member for Flintshire that there is grave cause for anxiety, an anxiety which is not relieved by the statement of the hon. Gentleman with regard to this deficit. I have always observed that it has been the function of the Secretary for India to put a *couleur de rose* statement of Debt before the Committee; and I think that on this occasion the hon. Gentleman has given to his statement something of that tint. It is impossible to follow out here the many changes that have been made in the Accounts, especially in respect of debts. I am slow to think that they are in such a position as my hon. Friend supposes. I have followed the Accounts year after year, and it seems to me that, as a matter of reality, they have largely increased. With regard to the Estimates of the value of the works, they are the Estimates of engineers, which, according to my experience, are very apt to be too favourable, and I cannot believe that the statement with regard to the works is not somewhat too favourable. I cannot follow the figures; but this I do know—that engineers are sanguine people, and very much given to estimating incorrectly in respect of public works, and therefore I think the hon. Gentleman will do well to take the view of the noble Lord the late Secretary of State for India (Lord Randolph Churchill). I think that the present unfortunate state of Indian finance has been brought about by three causes. First, by the advance of Russia on our Indian Frontier. I am one of those who, nearly 40 years ago, advanced the opinion that we should not go beyond the line of the Indus; but we have done so, and I think, so far from expecting in future any reduction of Expenditure, or that we shall be able to keep it within its present limits, we must accept the view which is put by the noble Lord the late Secretary of State for India, that, in addition to the present increase, a very large expenditure must be incurred in years to come, and one which will constitute a heavy burden indeed upon Indian finance. I believe that such expenditure cannot be avoided in the present circumstances. I am afraid the noble Lord takes rather too favourable a view of the finances of Burmah. I very much doubt whether the estimated Revenue will be realized in the present year; and I absolutely doubt that the cost of occupation, both civil and military, of Upper Burmah will in the end be found to be anything like £100,000. I believe it will be greatly in excess of that amount. Looking at the circumstances, I feel that those Members of the House of Commons who resisted the annexation of Upper Burmah are not liable to very great blame for the course they took in that respect; and those who failed actively to do so are not altogether debarred from criticism. As originally I was opposed to going beyond the Indus, so I was opposed to our going beyond the natural limit of India on the East, and, therefore, opposed to our going into Burmah at all. Still, I was also willing to admit that being there we might go beyond our first limits if we had a just and expedient cause for annexation; but it seemed to me that the Government annexed Upper Burmah at their own risk, and that, having annexed it, it was their duty to show justification. When the Blue Book was published I found that it disclosed wholly insufficient reasons for the course that had been taken. It seems that the Government at last yielded to the pressure of what I may call the French "scare." Now, I admit that there was something in that "scare;" but I say that we had given the French some reason for jealousy in Egypt and elsewhere, and that we ought not to be too ready to take offence when anything is done in Madagascar, in the New Hebrides, and in other parts. It was very necessary, no doubt, that something should be done; but it would seem that the administration might have been left in the hands of the Native Rulers. But, Sir, we have annexed the country, and if it proves to be a good annexation, and if the Burmese turn out to be quiet and peaceable subjects, I, for one, shall not further blame the Government; on the other hand, if the annexation should prove to be an unfortunate one, then I think those who made it will have to answer for it. I do not readily accept the sanguine views given of the Revenue of Upper Burmah, as I have already stated; and one reason why I doubt that the same profitable result will take place from the annexation of Upper Burmah which followed upon that of Lower Burmah is because in the latter case the result is due to the enormous produce of rice, from which the supplies of the world are principally taken, whereas there is little rice produced in Upper Burmah—on the contrary, it largely imports rice for the purpose of consumption. I sincerely hope that the disturbances which are now taking place there will quiet down. Before I go from the subject of Upper Burmah, I wish to say Sir Charles Bernard, who has been much attacked, is one of the most able and energetic, and, at the same time, self-denying men in the service of the Government, and I have the greatest confidence that he will do justice to the people—I am satisfied that he will do justice without any selfish object, and solely for the benefit of the people. But Sir Charles Bernard was always against the annexation of Upper Burmah; he resisted it for years; he has only been pushed into it at the last moment; he has now to administer the country, and when it was annexed I do not think that he was given sufficient control over the Military Authorities. I feel confident that it is not to him personally that blame is to be attached. What man can do he will do. The greatest difficulty as to our Indian finance is that upon which the Under Secretary of State for India has so much dwelt—that is, the loss by exchange. I am one of those who think that there is nothing to show that the value of silver has been depreciated. On the contrary, it seems to me that the figures which come from India tend to a contrary view. They rather go to show that silver has not depreciated at all; that it has the same value as ever; and that the only difference is that gold has appreciated. This appreciation of gold makes a great difference; no doubt the effect is enormously great on the finances of India; and if we can mitigate that appreciation, going on now for some time in this and other countries, it will have the effect of diminishing the strain on Indian finance. I am only afraid that if you bring about an opposite effect in India the consequence will be very disastrous to all Indian debtors. India is a very poor country, and regard must be had to the position of debtors if we again very largely change the value of silver. I confess that the Revenue prospects of India are not such as to lead me to the hope that the financial difficulties of the Empire will be met by a growing Revenue. The Accounts submitted to us from year to year show a large increase. I am inclined to think that the greater portion of that increase is a paper increase, which is apparent simply through the mode of keeping accounts. The net result is less and less favourable. If hon. Members will look over the Accounts they will find that the only item of the Indian Revenue that is elastic is the Excise. I am sorry to see that is growing, for it is a revenue which formerly scarcely was known in that country. I do not think the fact that it is growing is a subject for congratulation, because it means an increase of drunkenness, which is a thing we ought to seek means of checking. No doubt, very encouraging results have been shown by our railways. Their working has tended to relieve our finances, and, no doubt, would continue to do so, were it not for the fact that there is a tendency to launch out upon the construction of railways that do not pay and never will pay. The question of opium has been mentioned again. From that we derive a very precarious revenue, and as time goes on we have more and more reason to fear that it will develop in precariousness. A great change has taken place in the prospects of the production of opium during the past few weeks. The crop has not been at all what it was expected to be. It is much less than in the previous year; so that the Opium Revenue does not appear at all as elastic a revenue as it did some years ago. We know that the Chinese have been able to put an increased tax upon imported opium at the same time that their own production of opium is increasing; therefore, from that source we cannot entertain a very sanguine view of the increase of our Indian Revenue. Then, when we come to the question of remedying the condition of our finances by a process other than an increase in our Revenue, I must protest against the expedient which the Government of India seem to resort to—namely, mulcting the Local Governments. If we are to give these Local Governments a fair chance, and to give a fair chance to the principle of local responsibility, we ought to let these Governments feel that if they are economical and save money the results of their economy will go to the benefit of their own taxpayers, and that the Supreme Government will not be always waiting to sweep away their surpluses when they have accumulated them. I have felt this very much. It pains me to have to say it; but I do say that that system should not be followed, and that if decentralization of finance is to succeed you must make firm arrangements with the Local Governments, and not sweep away the results of their economy from time to time into the Imperial Exchequer. If the project that is before the country of Home Rule for Ireland should succeed, what would you think of the financial arrangements—what would the hon. Member for Cavan (Mr. Biggar), who, I think, last night showed the responsibilities of approaching Office, say if you swept down on the Irish Exchequer, in the course of two or three years, and took away the whole result of its economy? Why, I do not think Irishmen would be likely to consider themselves at all fairly treated. If the system of decentralization is to continue and to succeed we should let these Provincial Governments feel that they reap the reward of their own economy. Then, as to the Income Tax, that has been alluded to, and has been described as repugnant to Native opinion. This question of Income Tax is one very difficult to deal with. It is a question whether the small results of the tax are worth the trouble it takes to levy it. We should always remember that the mass of the people of India are not taxed in this way at all; therefore, it is not likely that their opinion is against it. But there are a certain class with whom it is unpopular because they have to pay it. No doubt, it is necessary to impose some kind of taxation—either that or enhance the Customs Duties. You must do one or the other. I am afraid Lancashire will not allow us to enhance the Import Duties, and I am sorry for it. It was, however, a breach of faith to abolish these duties before the financial condition of the country would properly allow it. The Natives of India have a right to complain of the course taken in this respect. Still, you must have money, and the Government of India must judge whether it is best to impose this direct taxation on the people of India, or re-impose the Customs Duties which have been abolished. Can you effect your object by saving? The question is whether you can carry out the reduction pointed to in the Resolution on the Paper dealing with this subject, and referring to a more economical Administration. The Government of India and all of us are agreed that it is above all things necessary, under present circumstances, that the Administration of India should be made as economical as possible. But I have grave doubts whether all hon. Gentlemen wish to effect can be effected. The Government of India is at present, I believe, doing the best it can. There are many quarters in which considerable reductions can be effected. No doubt, much may be gained by reducing the extravagant cost of the Madras and Bombay Governments, which are maintained on the present scale to give patronage to those in power. I think reductions could be made in some of the higher military appointments and civil appointments. We hear a great deal about the enormous amount of the Home Charges. I admit that these are, for the most part, inevitable; but there are, nevertheless, little bits here and there where you can save small sums. I believe these Home Charges are not altogether free from occasional jobs and extravagances. I will take one which struck me on going over the Accounts. I know that this case is not peculiar to the India Office; perhaps they are not worse than other Departments. This Office is not as well looked after as other Offices. What I wish to draw attention to is the matter of the re-arrangement of offices, in reference particularly to the case of a gentleman, Mr. Moore, whose services were dispensed with from the list of those employed in the India Office, and who became Private Secretary to the noble Lord the late Secretary of State for India (Lord Randolph Churchill). I was curious to know how he could have retired and then filled this other appointment, and I could not understand how it was that under the Rules of Superannuation he could get a pension. I found that he did not get a pension under the Superannuation Rules. I discovered that he was pensioned off on account of a "re-arrangement of office." Well, I say that this was nothing more nor less than a very great job. I do not know who did it; but I must say that Her Majesty lost a most capable servant in the prime of life, who was sent about his business on a retiring allowance of about £800 a-year. This gentleman receives this pension, as I say, under the plea of "re-arrangement of office." These are jobs to which a stop ought to be put. But only small savings can be effected in these matters; and as the point is not of very great importance I will not go to the root of the business. Proper administration in these respects would only, perhaps, end in saving thousands, whereas we desire to save millions. Your greater charges are more difficult to deal with. The great and most growing charge is that of the Army; and I am told that it is true, as the noble Lord (Lord Randolph Churchill) has said, that under present circumstances you cannot diminish the charge for your Army—that, on the contrary, you must be prepared to submit to an increase. All the events that have been happening of late on the North-Western Frontier on the one hand, and on the Burmese Frontier on the other, have necessitated a great increase in the Army. I have never been one of those who say—"Oh! you must reduce your Army." I have always been alive to the fact that ours is the smallest Army, having regard to the extent of territory that it has to defend, in the world; and I know that when you come into contact with an European Power on the one side and an Asiatic Power on the other you find it necessary to increase your Army. No doubt, our Army is the most expensive in the world; but it is one of those things which England must expect to pay for. You cannot send Englishmen out to India under the voluntary system without expecting to pay heavily for it; and you cannot get rid of the fact that your Army in India is not only an expensive one, but one that must increase. When you come to the Native Army, far from being able to decrease its cost, you must in the near future be prepared to increase the pay of the men. It has not been increased since the time of Lord Clive. At one time the Natives were proud of a position in the Service, and felt it one of the highest penalties that could be inflicted on them to be dismissed. That feeling was our safety and guarantee for the security of our Army; but now we can scarcely get recruits, and when we obtain them we have no hold on them. I am sure we shall not have that hold on them which is essential until we pay them fairly and honestly — increasing the pay of the soldiers until it is proportioned to what we give in all branches of the Service. Then the non-effective charges are always growing. The Under Secretary of State for India tells us honestly enough that there is an apparent decrease in the non-effective charges, but only an apparent decrease, not a real one. You have by the action of this Parliament, and not by the Indian Government, saddled upon you a most extravagant and disastrous charge for non-effective service; and in that connection I would like to say that I, for one, protest against the idea that some people hold that you could improve the administration of India by making India subject to the direct control of this Parliament. If ever India is lost it will be lost in the House of Commons, so it was said; and, certainly, I feel that many of the heavy burdens that India has to bear are due to pressure brought to bear in this House. It seems to me the best thing we can do will be to establish some sort of Home Rule in India as well as in another country near at hand. By all means let every possible economy be tried in India. The real question in connection with the Government of that country, however, is this—are you going to govern it according to European standards, or according to Native standards? No doubt if you go back to Native standards you can govern much more economically. If you rid yourselves of all European improvements and systems, no doubt you will be able to save a great deal of money; but we are going every day in a precisely contrary direction. We are governing according to European ideas, and that costs money. We are spending in that country a large amount on education, and the expenditure is growing; and on this and other matters, in spite of all the regulations you can possibly enforce, the expenditure will go on growing so long as you govern according to European standards. The noble Lord the late Secretary of State for India (Lord Randolph Churchill) has somewhat forestalled me in the observations I had intended to make in regard to the intentions of the Government of Calcutta as to Simla. It appears, the noble Lord says, that a Committee composed of Government officers have submitted a first recommendation with the object of saving the Government expense by establishing a permanent Government at Simla. I quite admit that there are many reasons which can be urged why the Government of India should not be established permanently in Calcutta. Calcutta is a peculiar, isolated place, among a Bengalese population. I quite admit that there are various reasons to be urged why the Government of India should be in a fixed and permanent position; but after all that has been said as to public opinion in India, it seems to me that it would be most disastrous to leave the Government too much under the influence of European residents. They take a partial view of matters, being, naturally enough, guided by their own interests and views. I doubt if it would be expedient to permanently establish a Government in India on a narrow ridge of mountain, in a mere European settlement, and to some extent isolated from the mass of the Native population whom it is sought to govern. Besides, there would be great difficulties to be faced in regard to water supply and other kindred matters.

This I think is certain—that if you were to make your permanent head-quarters at Simla you would save in the matter of travelling expenses, and in some other ways; but you would have to embark in great expense in regard to all the apparatus of government. I think we ought to take great care before embarking on a large expenditure at Simla, lest it be afterwards found that this was not the right place after all. For my own part, I entertain a strong belief in the principle of decentralization and local responsibility, and I should concur in any course which would have the effect of extending local self-government and throwing greater responsibility upon the localities in the matter of finance, and other matters. We ought to encourage the people to develop the system of local responsibility, although I do not think that we should go the length of giving India a Parliament. If we treat the people of India fairly much good will come of it, and we certainly ought to give to the localities greater and greater responsibility. I do believe that by establishing a system of local responsibility a great deal may be done to disencumber the Government of these local affairs, and induce the people to take up and do for themselves what they are perfectly capable of doing—namely, the question of local improvements, and the imposition of taxation for their own purposes. In regard to the question of public works I desire now to say a few words, the more especially because there is a Motion upon the subject standing in my name upon the Paper. I am somewhat afraid, from what has been said to-night by the Under Secretary of State and by the noble Lord the Member for Paddington (Lord Randolph Churchill), that the recommendations of the late Committee of this House in regard to public works have been somewhat misunderstood. It is impossible to maintain an exact line between productive and non-productive works. The recommendation of the Committee was that public works should not be undertaken which, upon the whole, were calculated to impose a burden upon the taxpayers of India. I am very much afraid that that recommendation has not been sufficiently kept in view, and that there are a great many works which are not of a paying character now being carried out which can scarcely be expected to repay the cost. The Notice which I have placed upon the Paper attributes a certain amount of extravagance in this matter to those who are responsible for the Government of India, and it suggests that they have been too squeezable, and too liable to have pressure put upon them by financiers in London. I have no wish to impute anything like jobbery to the Council; on the contrary, I think the Council have done the best they could to resist jobbery, and the financiers of London are certainly not encouraged by the Council. But what I do suggest is that the Secretary of State for India has not been strong enough to resist the pressure of financiers, often supported as it has been by Parliament, and the consequence has been that bad bargains have often been made for India. Let me take the latest case—that of the Indian Midland Railway. I believe that that railway is not a necessary railway, although it might be desirable to make it in prosperous times. Nor have the Home Government been convinced of the necessity of that line. For many years Secretaries of State have strongly resisted the swallowing up of the Famine Fund for such purposes. I understand that the guarantee for the Indian Midland Railway is to be paid out of the Famine Fund. It is called a Famine railway; but I deny that it is a Famine railway in any sense whatever. The only part of that country which wanted protection was protected already, by the railways which were previously in existence or sanctioned, and this was a line that was promoted for the mere purpose of competition, and got up by promoters and Directors of Companies. The people who insist on making these railways are not people with money at their back. Having obtained the consent of the Government to make the railway, they go into the market and are able to get better terms. My view in regard to the matter is this—I see a great financial authority opposite—the hon. Member for North Paddington (Mr. Lionel Cohen), and I should like to hear what his view is. Mine is that if private enterprize wants to make a railway let it do so; but let it do it at its own risk. If the financiers of the City of London are to select a railway, and decide on the making of it, let them do so; but let it be at their own risk. In that case no one can complain; but if, on the other hand, these private gentlemen, who are always crying out for the encouragement of private enterprize, are not willing to carry out the undertaking at their own risk, and throw the responsibility upon the Government, let the Government and not the promoters of railways decide which are the railways that ought to be made. The money ought to be raised in the cheapest way in which it can be obtained. When the first experiment was to be made I do not doubt Lord Dalhousie was right in giving guarantees; but I see no reason why the Government of India should go further in this direction, and pay more dearly than would be the result of direct borrowing. There is, however, something which, to my mind, is even more important than the additional cost of making railways. It came out in the investigation before the late Committee that not only are concessions dearer, but that the rates charged are much higher than in other countries, and especially in America. And the result is that the Indian producer—the ryot—is placed at a great disadvantage. If the Government have to give a guarantee, and to pay interest, the control of the rates ought, undoubtedly, to be in the hands of the Government. There is another case which, I think, is the worst case of all. I refer to the Bengal Central Railway. When it was evident that a loss was inevitable owing to the damage inflicted by floods in September last, the Government were required to pay the cost of the works of restoration. The Bengal Central Railway was promoted with a great flourish of trumpets, and I think the Rothschilds—than which there could be no higher financial name—were induced to take it up. It was supposed to be a very good thing; but after a little time it turned out that there had been miscalculations and mistakes. I do not question the honesty of the motives with which the work was undertaken; but in the end, instead of paying magnificent dividends, the speculation has not been found to pay at all. I have here the last Report of the Directors of this Company, and I find that, so far from making any profit from this railway, they say that their working expenses for the half-year to December 31 considerably exceeded the gross traffic receipts. Instead of making a profit the railway was realizing a heavy loss, and there can be no doubt whatever that this Company was in a very bad way. But it was a case of "heads I win; tails you lose." The shares went down, and when it was a case of losing the loss was thrown upon the Government, and a permanent guarantee was given. I should very much like to know who brought the pressure to bear upon the Government. At present I do not know who it was; but the noble Lord the Member for Paddington (Lord Randolph Churchill) was at the India Office at the time, and, being inexperienced, he does not appear to have resisted the pressure, and a permanent guarantee was given to the railway. It is not an extravagant guarantee; but the result is that the shares of the railway, which were going to zero before, are about par, because the Company have been able to obtain a guarantee from the Indian Government, and have been allowed to place their loss upon the Government. What I maintain is that in entering into transactions of this kind the Government of India are not treating the ryots fairly, and that they are taking a course which would not be pursued in any other country. The fact is that a much firmer Government is needed to resist the pressure put upon them by speculators and promoters, and even by Members of Parliament. The Secretary of State and the Indian Council are not strong enough to resist the pressure brought to bear upon them. One curious thing about this Bengal Central Railway is this. They went to the Secretary of State and said—"You must release us from loss, because the Government engineers gave us a glowing account of the magnificent results which were to attend the construction of this railway;" but now it turns out that when they want a guarantee from the Government the same engineers are found urging the claim in the capacity of Directors, and saying that because the advisers of the Government took a sanguine view of the undertaking the Directors are entitled to go to the Government and call upon them to pay the loss they have sustained! I am afraid there have been a good many other instances of the same kind. The blot in the matter is the want of a firmer Government to resist the pressure brought to bear upon them by the financiers of the City of London on the one side, and Members of Parliament on the other. We want a stronger and a firmer Government before we can secure that the interests of the unrepresented taxpayers of India will be better guarded and better preserved. The Indian Council ought to be greatly strengthened, so as to render it more capable of resisting pressure. This should be one of the main objects of the Committee which has been announced. Whether I may happen to be in the new Parliament, or whether I may be out of it, I hope I shall see some step taken by which the Government of India may be strengthened and invigorated in the interests of the Natives of India.

MR. J. M. MACLEAN (Oldham): Mr. Chairman, the Indian Budget generally produces lengthy speeches; but I think the attendance in the House at the present moment is not such as to be favourable to anyone wishing to address the Committee at length on such a great subject. And, even if it were not the case that the sands of life of this Parliament are running very fast through the glass, I think there would be an additional obstacle presented to the discussion of this question just now by the changes which have been made in the form of the Indian Accounts. I entirely agree with the noble Lord the Member for Paddington (Lord Randolph Churchill) in the remarks which he made earlier in the evening on this subject. I dare say that the minds of many ingenious and able men in India have been exercised in devising this new form of Accounts which has been presented to Parliament; but I must say, speaking with a rather long experience—for it has been my fate during many years to examine carefully the Accounts of the Government of India—that I never saw a more complicated and forbidding document than that which is now presented to the House of Commons. I think it would be of great advantage to the Government of India if someone could invent a much simpler form of issuing the Accounts, so that they might be brought down to the level of the understanding of the average Member of Parliament. We know that it is somewhat difficult to interest this House in Indian discussions; and it must, I think, become exceedingly so if we are to have so many changes made in the Accounts. Hardly a year passes without some alterations being made, and I cannot help suggesting that it would be of great advantage if such a form were adopted as that used by the Board of Trade and published at Calcutta every month. All those Accounts are stated in rupees, and I cannot see why the Indian Finance Accounts are not presented in rupees, just as all the Accounts presented to Congress in the United States of America are in dollars. Let me say that I hardly share the apprehensions of the hon. Member for Kirkcaldy (Sir George Campbell) as to the insufficiency of the Estimate made in the Budget for the charge for Burmah on the India Revenue. The hon. Gentleman went into the question of the annexation of Burmah, and was apparently inclined to reopen the whole subject of the policy of that annexation. I shall not be tempted into following him upon that line of discussion; but I may, perhaps, be allowed to point out to the Committee a remarkable coincidence. We know that when the late Government was in Office the annexation of Upper Burmah was carried out; we also know that the work of annexation was performed with a precision and success that gained great applause throughout the country. The work was done summarily and well, and Upper Burmah was annexed almost before we knew that the country had been invaded—a fact that was extremely creditable to the General who had the management of the military enterprize. Well, just at that time a change of Government took place. I do not say that the fact which followed was the result entirely of the change of Government; but it is most remarkable that, while the operation of annexing Upper Burmah was so thoroughly successful, since the country has been annexed we have had nothing but reports of mismanagement, and reports of a state of disorder in the country. No doubt public opinion is disappointed, and I may say exasperated, at the results which have followed the annexation of Upper Burmah; for instead of its being made a valuable Province of the British Empire, instead of through trade routes being opened up, we get nothing but melancholy stories day after day of an English officer being shot, of Dacoits being in all parts of the country, of people being shot down, and of nothing being done to improve the state of the country. Now, it is certain that unless something is done public opinion will hold the Government responsible for not turning to account the excellent service done by the late Government in annexing the country to Lower Burmah. Another matter that has been touched upon during this discussion is the introduction of fresh taxation, which is said to be repugnant to the feelings of the Native population of India; but I think we should do a great injustice to the Government of India if we failed to recognize the fact that they had to meet an extraordinary crisis, and that a large expenditure was forced upon them for frontier defences and for increasing the Army in India. This has not been the policy of one Party only—it is the policy agreed upon between the two great Parties in England, and it is a policy which was admitted to be just and necessary by the Earl of Kimberley as well as by the noble Lord the Member for Paddington (Lord Randolph Churchill). The truth is that it is an easy thing for critics to lay upon any Government that happens to be in Office the blame of having to spend large sums of money upon the Army, or for carrying out necessary works to protect India against invasion; but it is the case that that expenditure was rendered necessary because for a long series of years those who ruled India had refused to open their eyes to the facts—they expected the arrival of a sort of moral Millennium, and could not think it possible that Russia could advance so closely to India as to make it essential to increase the defences of that country. Now, it has been admitted on all hands that the near approach of Russia has compelled us to take special measures for the defence of the frontier, and it is the special charges on that account which cause a deficit of £2,800,000 in the Accounts just presented. For my part, when I hear attacks made on the Government of India—when I hear it said that it does not carry out the economy that is necessary, I cannot help saying that it is extremely creditable to that Government that in the face of such a state of things it has been able to provide £2,000,000 by economies towards meeting the military charges, and that it has only proposed taxation in order to produce £800,000. The only tax imposed by the Government of India on the people has been an amended Licence Tax or Income Tax, the produce of which is estimated to be £750,000. I doubt if any Government could have been found in the world to meet such a case, with revenues said to be extremely inelastic, in a more satisfactory way. What is the tax imposed on India? My experience ranges over a considerable number of years, and I have always thought that the Income Tax ought to be a permanent part of the financial machinery of that country, because that tax is just that which falls on the wealthy Natives and Europeans who are making large fortunes in India, and others who profit most by British rule. Now, we have been accustomed to raise the bulk of the taxation in India from the tillers of the soil and from the consumption of salt, from which those who are making large fortunes practically escaped altogether; and it is for that reason that I and many others have always maintained that the Income Tax was a necessary and just part of the financial system of India. Some years ago the Government, in trying experiments with the Income Tax on different models, decided at last to impose a Licence Tax. This was most unfair, inasmuch as it was only levied on certain classes, and it went down very low indeed, while it was a mere bagatelle to the wealthy Natives, and, above all, exempted official incomes altogether. Now, the imposition of that tax produced the greatest amount of excitement in India; I remember the most extraordinary demonstration of public opinion that, perhaps, ever took place in that country was when the Licence Tax was first imposed. We had a public meeting in Bombay which was attended by Europeans and Natives, and a very strong protest was made against the imposition of a tax from which the official class was exempt. I had the honour of being asked to draw up a Memorial to this House to be presented to Parliament; but no action was taken on it. But now a new tax has been introduced which will be just and equitable in its incidence. No doubt, as the hon. Member for Kirkcaldy says, the tax is disagreeable to those who have to pay it. I never heard of a tax that was agreeable in this sense. But it is not a fact that the Natives generally have protested against the imposition of this tax; on the contrary, it has been received with a gratifying amount of acquiescence by the whole Native population in India. If anyone will read the debate on the Income Tax which took place in the Legislative Council, he will find that the Earl of Dufferin expressed his thanks to all the Native Members of the Council for the ready way in which they said they would support the imposition of this tax. Now, on what ground does opposition to the levying of taxation of this kind rest? I quite admit that, during the debate in the Legislative Council, one of the most distinguished Native Members in the Assembly, and one or two other Members, urged that it would have been better to have kept the Import Duties on cotton goods instead of raising revenue by this form of direct taxation; but it will be obvious to hon. Members that the re-imposition of duties of that kind is out of the question. I say nothing of the opinion of Manchester on this subject; although that is an element which will always have great influence in this House. But the time has gone by when you can impose duties on Manchester goods introduced into India, because, were you to do so, the possibility is that you would kill the whole trade in Lancashire goods. However important and valuable it is at the present day, it has been carried on for some years with difficulty in the face of declining prices and constantly increasing competition with Native manufactures. Now, if you were to impose this protective duty, no doubt it would have a most disastrous effect on the trade of this country. And what right have we to do so? We give India free access to all the markets of the world, and there is nothing which India produces that is not carried, under British protection, to every country over every sea; and have we not, then, the right to expect that India shall give us Free Trade in return? Therefore, I contend it would be a great mistake to impose these duties on goods imported into India. But I would also point out that the Natives of India are induced to acquiesce in the taxes imposed on them by the consciousness that many causes have contributed to improve their material position of late years in a very marked degree. While all other nations of the world have been suffering from great depression in trade, we have seen that India has enjoyed a constantly increasing state of prosperity. I have a long series of figures which, at this hour, I will not inflict on the, perhaps, exhausted patience of the Committee; but I may give the gist of those figures by saying that, on comparison for the last six years, I find that the export and import trade of England has been almost in a state of absolute stagnation, while there has been a steady advance, in the main, both of the import and export trade of India. And not only is that the case, but what shows still more clearly how advantageous Free Trade is to India is that there has been a much larger increase of imports into India than of exports of raw produce from that country. We often hear it made a matter of complaint against the Indian Administration that the excess of exports is so large; but it is an instructive fact that of late years the increase in imports has been larger than the increase in exports. The exports have increased during five years at the rate of 51 per cent, while the imports have in the same period increased by as much as 68 per cent. Now, that is a very satisfactory increase, because it shows that India has got a larger return for her export of raw produce, and that she is carrying on a profitable trade with this and other countries. It is customary to speak of the remittances of the Secretary of State for the payment chiefly on interest on the public and railway debt as a heavy burden on India; but this burden becomes lighter every year with the great development of trade. The Indian imports, along with the Council Bills, are now fully equal in value to the exports. But, in addition to the Government remittances, India owes a large debt for private capital invested there; it is absurd to speak of that as tribute paid by India; it is no more a tribute than the interest paid in the United States of America on money invested there. Look at the amount of English capital in all the great Shipping Companies which carry on the trade of India; look at the English capital invested in banks, in mercantile concerns of all kinds, and in the industrial enterprizes of the country—the tea plantations, the indigo, and the other main undertakings of the country. I repeat that there is an enormous amount of capital so invested which ought to bring to this country a certain profit. If you deduct the amount of such profit from the exports, you will find that the imports which India receives constitutes a very valuable remuneration to the people of that country for the trade they carry on; and it is further proved that the trade is remunerative by the large quantity of gold imported into India year after year, which represents a value of £3,000,000 sterling. There was a small decrease last year, and I was struck by it because, looking over the Accounts for some years past, it seemed to me possible that this large importation of gold which was going on might be owing to the depreciation of silver in India, as well as elsewhere. But that only shows how wrong it is to dogmatize on any currency question. I was under the impression that the people were getting a distrust for silver, and were importing gold in its place, because we know that in India there is a good deal of gold which circulates in exchange for merchandize by weight, although there is no gold coinage there. But I find that in the year 1885-6 there has been again a very remarkable increase in the importation of silver, while the import of gold has a little fallen off. This is a most satisfactory proof that the prices of produce in India measured in silver have not fallen off, and that the rupee is still as valuable as ever it was. That being so, it is a fact which shows that Sir Auckland Colvin, Finance Minister in India, takes far too gloomy a view of the financial position of the country when he tells us of the immense losses caused to the Indian Government by the depreciation of silver. Although it is true that there is a direct loss on remittances to England, we see that the depreciation of silver gives a bonus on the exportation of produce from India. The fall in silver has in this way far more than compensated the people of India for the abolition of the 10 per cent import duties on English goods; it has been more than equivalent to it. We see that that is the case by the fact that the exports of cotton manufactures from India have doubled within the last five years, while the exports from England have remained practically stationary. We have another evidence of the advantages arising to India from the fall in the rate of exchange in the fact that the imports of Indian wheat into this country during the last five months, as shown by the Tables of the Board of Trade, are largely in excess of the imports during the corresponding period of last year—in fact, they amount to half the total imports from America. This stimulus given to the importation of wheat is entirely due to the recent heavy fall in the exchange, because it has been made profitable to the Indian grower of wheat to send us that which he would not have been able to send us if it had not been for this fall. All this large movement of produce tends to the advantage of the Indian Government, because the Indian Government is a large owner of railways, and it is largely dependent on revenue from railways for a satisfactory Budget. The income from Indian railways steadily increases year by year. If anyone will refer to the Accounts they will find that from 1884 to 1886 the income from railways has increased as much as £2,000,000—I am, of course, speaking of the gross earnings of the railways. That is altogether in consequence of the very large increase in the foreign commerce of India. Immense quantities of produce are carried down to port; and, no doubt as the result of the sale of that produce in England, we have increasingly large quantities of merchandize sent out to be distributed in that country again. This state of things naturally creates a condition of contentment and comfort amongst the people which reconciles them to the increase which has taken place in taxation; and now you have the extraordinary fact, which is unexampled in all the experience I have had of India, that the people at this moment are not remonstrating against the increase of taxation which has been rendered necessary. Then we are told by the noble Lord (Lord Randolph Churchill) this evening—who spoke with great authority on the question, because I think he faced the problem of defending the North-Western Frontier with a sincerity and boldness that did him the highest honour—we are told by him that the expenditure which is now going on on the North-Western Frontier, and this permanent addition of £2,000,000 to the cost of our administration which is a result of the increase of the Army, will not be at all sufficient for the purpose of defending India against the Russian advance. He tells us that millions more may be wanted for frontier railways, and to put India in a proper state of defence. No doubt this lays open a very disagreeable prospect to the Indian taxpayer; but I would respectfully suggest to the Committee that, when works of that kind are rendered necessary, it is a great mistake for the Indian Government to do as it has done during the last year, and as it proposes to do in the financial year which has just begun —namely, to stop the construction of productive railways in India, in order to devote the money so saved to the construction of a complete scheme of frontier defences. If work of that kind is to be undertaken, a special loan ought to be raised for the purpose, and the works ought to be gradually carried out and spread over a series of years. What is the use of the House of Commons' Committee sitting here and discussing the question of railway construction in India and coming to the conclusion that a certain sum of money, from £28,000,000 to £30,000,000, should be spent in the course of six years upon productive railways to increase the resources of the country and to protect it against famine, if, the moment a military emergency arises, these works are to be suddenly stopped and the whole of the money is to be taken and spent on unproductive railways? It would have been as reasonable, it seems to me, for Viscount Palmerston, when he wished to fortify Portsmouth and our other large arsenals in England, to have called upon us to stop the construction of the Midland Railway, or the Great Trunk line connecting London with York, or the great railways connecting Manchester with London. With regard to the Nagpore Railway, which will give the shortest route from Bombay to Calcutta, that work was declared by the Government of India years ago to be absolutely necessary. They said that it would not only be of advantage in saving districts from famine, but that it would also be a productive work, and the Committee of the House of Commons recommended it very strongly. [An hon. MEMBER: No, no!] Well, it was recommended by the Government of India in its railway programme to the Committee who accepted and endorsed that programme. I am giving my opinion on the Report of the Committee. They did not dissent from this proposal, at all events; and it was put in the schedule of works that were to be undertaken and carried out within a certain period of time. That line has never been undertaken up to the present day. If it be the case, as we are told, that only £2,000,000 are to be spent in future on productive works out of £5,000,000, I do not know when the railways of this kind will be constructed; but if the considerations that I have advanced to the Committee are sound, it will be seen that the increase of the prosperity of India and the capacity of the people to bear increased expenditure depends greatly on the extension of productive railways in that country. It is from these railways that you get a large revenue. There is no more elastic branch of the Revenue than these productive railways. I sincerely hope that the Government of India will alter its policy in this respect. I listened with great attention to what the hon. Member opposite (Sir George Campbell) said with regard to the Government of India borrowing money for the construction of railways itself, instead of granting concessions to private promoters to construct lines. Well, I do not care anything about the promoters of private Companies. I shall be very glad if they can be done without altogether; and I quite believe that the time has come when the Government of India itself should raise the money at a fair rate of interest and carry on the great system of productive lines throughout the country. But what I contend for is this—that we ought not to have a spasmodic and intermittent system of constructing these lines. That is the most wasteful and extravagant system possible. What we want is a steady and comprehensive policy as to the construction of these railways. The great misfortune of employing purely Government agencies is this—or, at all events, it has been this in the past — that whenever any emergency arose the Government, wanting money, wherever it could lay its hands upon it would stop some great work; so that, after great preliminary expenses had been incurred, a work of great importance might be discontinued at a moment's notice and the money spent upon it entirely wasted, and so much capital completely thrown away. Then, perhaps, some few years afterwards everything would be begun afresh. I have seen several instances of this cruel and wicked waste of public money, and I believe it is one of the causes of that increase in the non-effective charges that the hon. Gentleman opposite so much deplores, at least so far as the Civil Service in India is concerned. These are all the remarks I think I need make on the question before the Committee. I could not let this opportunity pass without trying to impress upon the House of Commons that a little boldness, and a little energy, and, at the same time, a little consistency in the construction of these productive railways in India would be of the greatest possible benefit to the people of that country. The hon. Gentleman who preceded me referred to the fact that a Committee was to have been appointed this Session to inquire into the Administration of India. I do not know that I am altogether sorry that that Committee has collapsed. I am not one of those, like the hon. Gentleman, who is an old Anglo-Indian official, and I know their sentiments in this matter—I am not one of those who would thrust the criticism of the British House of Commons from the Administration of India. I think, on the contrary, that the criticism of the British House of Commons has a wholesome and purifying effect on Indian affairs. What we have established in India is a despotism — a benevolent despotism, no doubt — but a Government of a bureaucracy; and wherever a Government of a bureaucracy exists the tendency is to become hard and mechanical in the Administration of the country. It is an advantage, therefore, to have the sweetening influence of English criticism to inspire the Government in India with sympathy with the millions over whom they rule. Though a Parliamentary Committee might have done some good, and though discussion in this House may do some good, I should have been sorry if the step had been adopted, which is advocated in many quarters, of sending out a Roving Commission to hold an inquest, as it were, on the Government of India. I believe that would have had a most disastrous effect upon India, as it would have encouraged agitators in every form to bring forth their grievances, and would have lowered the Government of India in the opinion of the people. Whatever fault may be found with the Administration of India I am sure we have in that country as fair and as just a Government as exists anywhere in the world, and we ought to remember Tennyson's words—

> "The gods are hard to reconcile,
> 'Tis hard to settle order once again."

India is one of the remaining portions of Her Majesty's Dominions in which the Queen's writ runs throughout the length and breadth of the land, in which security for the protection of life, liberty, and property, is given to all without distinction, and in which every man knows that he can have justice impartially administered by the Courts of Law. We have also given to that country advantages of modern civilization such as it never experienced before it came under our rule. I do not take the criticisms of English gentlemen who travel in India for a month or two, and who are prone to indulge in a morbid habit of self-depreciation, as any fair estimate of the merits of our Administration out there. A man goes to India for a few weeks, travels through the country, staying with one civilian or military man after another, and great efforts are made to entertain him well, for what may be called the barbarous virtue of hospitality still survives in India. The civilians and military men receive their guests with every honour, and even go the length of spending two or three months' salary in surrounding him for a week or so with all the social delights that the country affords. Then the guest comes home and immediately writes a book, in which he says that the Indian Civil servant or military man has little to do and plenty to get, and in which he expresses the greatest sympathy with the poor Natives who are ruled over by these gentlemen. These are not the sort of critics whose opinions one cares very much about. I would rather take the opinion of intelligent and altogether impartial observers—of such men as Baron Hubner, whose recent praises of our management of India are familiar to all hon. Members, and of the late General Grant, who, when I had the honour of meeting and talking with him in Bombay, spoke in language of unusual warmth of the wisdom, generosity and firmness with which our Indian Government was administered. I may be allowed to express a hope that that Government may long remain undisturbed in its main features. The Empire of British India is the noblest monument that has ever been reared to the political and military genius of the English race; and it would be an unfortunate day for this country and for India itself if that great Empire were ever given up as a new field to be operated upon by mischievous and irresponsible agitators.

MR. S. SMITH (Flintshire): I have had the advantage of hearing a great deal of friendly criticism passed upon the Notice which appears in my name on the Paper. I must say that personal inquiry in India has convinced me that a deep feeling of discontent with British rule prevails amongst the Natives of a vast portion of our Indian Empire, and I think it will be very much to the advantage of the Government that it should be made aware of the feeling so widely prevalent in India. The people of that country have great confidence in the fairness of the British public; but they bitterly complain of having no spokesman in this House to advocate their rights and make known their grievances. They complain that their opinions are not fairly represented by the official classes of this country; and it is my intention, with the indulgence of the Committee, to lay before it on the present occasion some of the grievances that weigh so heavily upon the Indian population. The first great complaint which we meet with all over India—and I am speaking with regard to British India—is the costliness of the Administration. It is only by measuring the Expenditure of India by the poverty and small resources of the country that you can arrive at anything like an adequate impression of the expensiveness of that Administration. I will just refer to one or two figures bearing upon this branch of the subject. I go back 10 years, to the year 1876, and I find that the Expenditure in that year was nearly £57,000,000. Well, as we have heard to-night, in 1886 the Expenditure has risen to £75,600,000. In other words, the Expenditure in 10 years has run up £18,000,000, or 31 per cent. Now, I am aware that there are considerable deductions to be made in that, and that, to a large extent, it is a matter of Accounts. I am aware that a large portion of the Expenditure is reproductive; but still, making every allowance for that, we see an increase of Expenditure which is alarming in its proportions. Every branch of the Public Service shows a large increase during these 10 years. Another serious element is that there have been recurrent deficits, which have exceeded the surpluses by no less than £5,000,000 or £6,000,000 during that time. This year we have the alarming deficit of £2,800,000 staring us in the face. It has been observed that this is based on the calculation of the rupee being worth 1*s.* 6*d.*, or, at any rate, on that being the rate of exchange. Everyone knows that the rate of exchange has touched as low as 1*s.* 5*d.* within the last month. It has recovered slightly, but it is not impossible that it may fall much lower, and it seems to me probable that the average for the year will not exceed 1*s.* 5*d.* In this way another £1,000,000 will have to be added to the deficit, thus bringing it up to close upon £4,000,000. We cannot regard this with any spirit of lightness, and I do not think there is any ground for the sanguine view of matters which has been taken by the hon. Gentleman opposite who has just sat down and by others. We do not comprehend this fully until we take into consideration the extreme poverty of the people of India. I have been engaged in trading with India for a large part of my life. I have travelled through much of the country, and in my last visit I was brought face to face with masses of the people, and I hope the Committee will give me its attention while I give some of the grounds upon which I venture to make some of my statements to-night. Sir Evelyn Baring, when Chancellor of the Exchequer for India, made a calculation as to the average income of the people of India, and he put it at 27 rupees per head, which, at the present rate of exchange, would be about £2 per head. But I am bound to say that, from the information I possess on the subject, that calculation appears to be an over-estimate. I am rather inclined to take the view of some leading Native authorities that the average income of the people of India does not exceed 20 rupees per head, which, at the present rate of exchange, would be about £1 10*s.* per head. This, I think, is nearer the mark.

If we take even the estimate of £2, that, with the population of 200,000,000 of people who inhabit British India, would give us an aggregate income for the whole country of £400,000,000. The best statisticians put the income of the United Kingdom at £1,250,000,000. The total income of the 36,000,000 inhabitants of the United Kingdom is thus fully three times as large as that of our 200,000,000 fellow-subjects in India. Now, I will give another reason for the view I take as to the extremely small resources of India, and that is the yield of the Income Tax. In this country, roundly speaking, 1*d.* on the Income Tax produces £2,000,000 sterling. In India it only yields £200,000. The incomes in India are taxed from £50 and upwards, whilst in this country they are taxed from £150 and upwards. It is true that there are certain classes of exemptions in India. Incomes drawn from land are not taxed, and thus the wealthy Zemindars—who, it seems to me, of all others should be taxed—escape. Putting it broadly, however, we find that an income of £50 in India corresponds with £150 in this country. The amount the tax produces, however, is only a tenth of what it does in this country. There is, for equal numbers of population, 60 times as much taxable wealth in England as in India. These figures ought to convince everyone of the excessive poverty of India, and of the extraordinary absence of a wealthy class; and if anything further requires to be said, I think it will be sufficient to remark that the entire number of persons subject to Income Tax in India is only reckoned at 300,000—that is to say, only one in 700 reach the point of having £50 a-year. Then, the wages earned in India are very low. The peasantry live at a permanent dead level of extreme poverty; they are scarcely half-clad; they eat very little food, and that of only the coarsest kind; and they are nearly all deeply in debt to the money lender—perhaps 90 per cent of them. It is difficult to conceive human life going on under more distressing conditions than it does over a great part of India. In a year of failure of crops you have almost the whole of the people of large Provinces precipitated into a state of famine, and but for Government intervention they would assuredly die almost wholesale. In response to my inquiries it has been stated, as I say, that 90 per cent of the peasantry are in debt. Probably that is an exaggeration; but no one can doubt that the great majority of the peasantry in India are deeply, hopelessly in debt to the money-lenders. A calculation has been put out on good authority in India that at least 50,000,000 people in that country only eat, on an average, one meal a-day, and that of the coarsest food. And what has struck me as being one of the most singular signs of the times is that India is believed by the Natives to be getting poorer instead of richer, and that the condition of the people now is no better than it was 100 years ago, in spite of British rule. There is also a widespread feeling that the soil is becoming impoverished by over-cropping, and is yielding less. There is a general belief on the part of the Natives that there are far less stocks of food in the country than formerly, and more danger of famine. That is the opinion of Sir James Caird. That is a matter which is not to be looked at with a light heart, nor is it to be treated as a matter of very little moment, for it is a matter of the gravest importance. I have further to state that a vast amount of the money collected in India is levied as black mail, and that it never reaches the Government. There can be no doubt whatever that this is the main objection in India to direct taxation, and that there is great loss on all direct taxes, owing to the bribery and corruption of the under officials. Let me deal now with the arguments of official optimists. Their chief argument is the great increase in the foreign trade of India, and the vast importation of bullion. Forty years ago the foreign trade amounted to £18,000,000; it has increased to £140,000,000—a rate quite unexampled in any other country. The British public are very much mistaken as to the enriching influence of this foreign trade. The conclusions drawn from the enormous increase of the foreign trade of India are, to a large extent, delusive. The Indian foreign trade has been developed, to a large extent, by processes which have been destructive of most branches of Native industry. The large amount of goods imported represents the decay of Native industries, and the surplus of export is regarded by the Natives as a tribute to England to pay Home charges and European profits. Industries which formerly gave a large amount of employment to the people of the villages are rapidly disappearing, and the result is that the ryots are driven to over-cultivate land which is already more than sufficiently cropped. Another result is that they are compelled to bring into cultivation very poor and badly irrigated soil. I do not imagine that the people of this country really realize what the decay of Native industries means, or have any conception of the misery brought upon the people by the destruction of their handicrafts. It really involves the loss of a livelihood to many millions of the people who have been driven on to the land already over-cropped. I believe, if the figures could be ascertained, it would be found that handicrafts by which 10,000,000 or 15,000,000 people gained their living have been destroyed by the substitution of foreign for home manufactures. The vast export of produce has been pointed to as another proof of the great prosperity of India; it is viewed in a very different sense by the Native population. The general view taken by the Hindoos is that these vast exports are, in reality, impoverishing the country. The people themselves are only half-fed, and they see the food which ought to maintain them more generously going abroad, and they cannot help regarding this as a drain upon the very vitals of the country. There is this curious phenomenon —that India stands almost alone among the nations of the world in exporting habitually a much larger amount than she imports. The hon. Gentleman who last addressed the House (Mr. J. M. Maclean) said that of late years that discrepancy has been removed to some extent, and that the difference between the exports and imports is gradually diminishing. I do not find that this is the case. Only a few years ago the surplus of exports amounted to £17,000,000; they were subsequently £16,000,000; then £24,000,000; and in 1884 £23,000,000. The average surplus of exports over imports in India is now from £20,000,000 to £25,000,000 a-year. But all the imports which come into India are loaded with freight and other charges, which ought to be deducted if the comparison is to be made fairly. As far as I am able to make out, the proper surplus of exports over imports into India amounts to about £30,000,000 sterling a-year when this rectification is made. I look upon this as a remarkable proof of the poverty of the country. All European countries have a large surplus of imports—the United Kingdom fully £100,000,000 a-year. The view taken by the Natives is that this £30,000,000 is a tribute paid to England. I do not admit that that view is by any means correct; but it is a very plausible one, and we may depend upon it that the more information spreads in India the more will the opinion be entertained that India is losing instead of gaining by its foreign trade. The only explanation of this deficit of £30,000,000 is that the Home charges amount to about £15,000,000, while the other £15,000,000 represent the profits upon British trade. It is quite true that for much of this India has received an equivalent in the shape of railways, canals, and other public works; but for other portions of it the Indian people have difficulty in seeing that they get any real equivalent. The second argument of the official optimists is that we must look to the imports of bullion. It is a fact that for many years India has taken an average of £10,000,000 chiefly in silver, and latterly a considerable portion of it in gold; but it is a certain fact that it has not enriched the people to any appreciable extent. No doubt, it is absorbed in some strange manner; it disappears among the population, one can scarcely say how, and leaves but little trace. Probably much of it goes in the manufacture of bangles and other articles of jewellery, and supplies in this way the chief form of hoarding to be found in India. The chief currency of the country is silver; so that a large amount is absorbed for purposes of circulation. I think I have now proved the first thesis in my Resolution — "that the financial condition of India is such as to cause grave anxiety." I now ask the Committee to go a little further, and to pass on with me to the next head—

> "That the expenditure is excessive, and necessitates a resort to taxes which are repugnant to native opinion."

Some remarks have already been made on this head, and I wish to show what the nature of the taxation and expenditure is. It is the general belief of the people of India that the fiscal system of that country has been adapted to suit British commerce, and not for the benefit of India. There is no conviction more widely spread than that England has arranged the fiscal system of India purely in her own interests. If you would allow the people of India to declare to-morrow how they would raise the Revenue of the country I know what the reply would be. If you gave India an effective voice in her fiscal system I know very well how that voice would decide. Her people would say with one accord that much of the Revenue must be raised by Customs Duties. India would undoubtedly derive a considerable portion of Revenue from the £100,000,000 of foreign trade which is at present untaxed. By imposing a tax, say, of 10 per cent upon £100,000,000 of untaxed trade India would readily raise £10,000,000 a-year from Customs with scarcely any pressure upon the country. Indirect taxation suits a country like India far better than direct taxation; and one great advantage it possesses is that it does not open the door to the great amount of peculation, fraud, and oppression that disgrace all Eastern countries. By direct taxation in taking the money out of the pockets of extremely poor people, opportunities for peculation are multiplied, and thus you extract from the people a great deal more than finds its way into the Exchequer of the Government. The Cotton Duties in India were abolished against the judgment of India; I speak as one largely interested in the trade of Lancashire. My interests lie in the direction of the abolition of these duties; but, as a matter of justice, I am compelled to admit that the policy adopted was indefensible. I repeat that all Manchester had a right to ask was that a corresponding Excise Duty should be laid on the Indian factories to avoid Protection. The result of the present policy is that we are forced to put on a hateful Income Tax. From some points of view an Income Tax may be a righteous tax—for it reaches a limited class of wealthy Natives who escape taxation. Then, again, the European official classes ought justly to be taxed; but I cannot ignore the fact that a multitude of Native collectors have to be employed in the collection of the tax; and is currently believed that when they come to assess incomes they put the amounts higher or lower, according to the amount of black mail they receive. Europeans in India frankly admit that it is impossible to levy Income Tax on a large scale in that country without a vast amount of black mail being levied; and, as a rule, quite as much finds its way into the pockets of the collectors as into the coffers of the Treasury. Then, again, our system of land revenue in India has led to a serious increase of land assessment. The practice in some Provinces is to squeeze the unfortunate peasantry by periodical revisions and increases of land revenue. But, although 25 per cent has been put upon the assessment in some districts, there is this remarkable fact—that the result of the collection is the same, and the amount realized is no greater than by the former assessment. Thus the increases of assessment which take place bring in no addition to Revenue, but simply add to the poverty of the peasantry. These Revenue exactions sometimes drive the peasantry into debt, and in bad years into famine. A large number have been sold up and turned out of house and home and have lost their farms through inability to pay. Consequently, large remissions of taxation are necessary in bad years if we are to avoid inflicting the most cruel suffering. Instances have been named to me where, in consequence of enforcing collections in bad years, hundreds and thousands of Natives have been swept away by famine. I am afraid that the Chancellor of the Indian Exchequer is not enabled to remit taxation in the way he ought to do in a country like India in order to meet recurring cycles of famine. The third and main objection which I have to the present system of taxation is, that we are demoralizing the people by multiplying the facilities for drinking. Nothing has struck me more painfully in India than the reproaches of the people against the Government for forcing liquor shops upon them against their will. In Bengal we have, in many instances, been forming groups of drunkards in places where drinking was formerly unknown. It ought to be known to the House of Commons and the country that the Hindoo population is probably the most temperate in the world; they regard the drink shops which have been established among them with horror; and it is highly objectionable that we should go to India with our modern notions of Free Trade, and plant these temptations in the midst of the community for the corruption and demoralization of her people. Surely no one can say that it is right for the State to multiply these sources of temptation to the largest extent, and derive the utmost revenue it can from them. If we were to allow the Municipalities of India to control the liquor trade, and to exercise what in this country is called local option, they would almost extirpate it. At present, however, they are powerless in the matter. The Government have in their hands the sole power of remedying the evil; and, knowing that the traffic is condemned by the Hindoo religion, I fail to see why they should not take steps for reducing it. It is true that a revenue of £4,000,000 sterling is derived from this source. But surely, when all the evils of this hateful system of farming out the Excise Revenue are taken into consideration, hon. Members will agree with me that if it is necessary to impose taxation in India, it should be imposed in such a way as to meet the wishes and desires of the people of the country. They ought to have a fair voice in the arrangement of their fiscal system; it ought to correspond with the strong beliefs, habits, traditions, and religious convictions of the people. The fact is, that to the Indian mind the British Administration of India presents far too much the appearance of a huge car of Juggernaut, the wheels of which are remorselessly grinding down the people, and screwing the uttermost farthing out of them. The last part of the Resolution which I placed upon the Paper says—

> "That, in the judgment of this House, a re-adjustment of taxation and a more economical administration is urgently called for.

I may be asked how I would propose to re-adjust the taxation of India? I have already indicated that I would re-establish Customs Duties on a moderate scale. But, whatever Customs Duties are imposed in India, they should be accompanied by corresponding Excise Duties on Indian factories, so as to equalize the pressure of the burden. Further, we should limit the sale of alcohol and remit excessive land assessments. It is also indispensably necessary that something should be done to stop the terrible waste upon the exchange account which now takes place. It is estimated in the Budget of this year that the loss on the exchange will be £4,800,000; but I am of opinion that the loss will be much greater, and that it may possibly reach £5,500,000. In fact, this matter of exchange, or what is called the depreciation of silver, has brought the finances of India to a hopeless state of confusion. Anyone who will read the despatches of the Government will see the desperate straits into which the Government of India have been driven by this question of the exchange and depreciation of silver. I do not see any reason why there should not be a still further fall in the value of the rupee. It has fallen steadily from 2*s.* to 1*s.* 5½*d.* Year after year it continues to fall, and I see no reason why, if matters continue as they are, in the course of a very few years the value of the rupee should not fall to 1*s.* And what would that mean? It would mean that £5,000,000 more would be added to the loss on exchange. I altogether differ from those who say that the Government of India receives full compensation from other sources of Revenue. It receives a certain amount of compensation, no doubt. The fall of the rupee stimulates exports, and so adds to the traffic of the railways, which are virtually Government property; but, on the other hand, it also puts a serious barrier in the way of railway extension. It renders it very difficult to raise the capital required, and I very much doubt whether the loss on the one side is not equal to the gain on the other. I had the opportunity, when in India, of meeting some of the ablest authorities on this question, and of conferring with them upon it. I found only one opinion—namely, that there is nothing before India, but something approaching to bankruptcy, unless the Government of this country will join with the other Governments of Europe in taking measures for restoring the old bi-metallic system, which existed for centuries, and was found to answer very well. During a period of nearly 200 years prior to 1873, when the metallic system was broken, the rupee was worth about 2*s.*, and we had virtually identical money in England and India. The authorities in India are perfectly familiar with these facts, and the fault rests, I believe, with the Government at home. The Government of this country is very much to blame for bestowing so little attention on the representations which come from the responsible Government of India, whose able officers have carefully studied the subject. The argument of our opponents is, that the people of India gain, and the debtor class, and that burdens are lightened; but, on the other hand, a stop is put to railway development; and the final result will be, if this system goes on unchecked, that India must have a gold standard. If I am not mistaken, the conviction is rapidly spreading throughout England that a large portion of the distress in this country arises in consequence of the depreciation of silver and the rise in the value of gold. In the interests of India and of England alike it is urgently required that this silver question should be brought to an issue, and that this country should not stand alone in refusing to join the other nations of Europe, who are quite ready to join with us, in re-establishing the old bi-metallic system. I remark, in conclusion, that the whole Administration of India is too costly for the Natives, and that Administration, however well adapted to European habits, is not so to Asiatics. I say, further, that we unjustly exclude the Natives of India from holding the higher posts in the Government; because a pledge has been given that there shall be no disqualification either of race or religion for holding Office in India. How does this matter stand today? I should like to have a Return of the posts held by Natives of the value of £1,000 per annum and upwards. My impression is that not 5 per cent of the higher posts in India, with salaries of from £1,000 a-year and upwards, are held by Natives. There is on this ground a deep feeling of discontent among the Natives, who think that faith is broken with them—they demand that they should receive fair play, and be allowed to compete more fairly with Europeans for the higher posts under Government. At one time a fair number of Natives were entering the Indian Civil Service, when the age of admission was 22; but that age has been unwisely lowered to 19, very much to the exclusion of the Natives. I do not know why that was done. It was a fair thing that the young men of India should compete here for posts in the Civil Service; but the reduction of the age to 19 stopped it, and the reform which is needed is that we should either raise the standard of age, or that we should open the door to Natives by examination in India—that at least half the admissions to the Service should be in the country whose people are to be governed. I am convinced that if we adopted the principle of allowing Natives more freely to enter the Service we should greatly lessen the expense of governing India, and the number and amount of pensions which English officials received would in time be largely reduced—we should lessen that drain, which is always getting heavier and heavier. The Natives complain of the drain of Indian wealth which is caused by our enormous pension list, and I think that their complaint is not without reason. Much has already been said as to military expenditure; but I must say that the military element in India has too often tended to war and annexation; the policy of India, dictated mainly by the official class, has a bias in that direction, and I think that unless this country holds a tight hand on the rein that tendency is sure to go on. These annexations are hateful in the eyes of the people of India. I did not meet a single Native who did not contend that the annexation of Upper Burmah was a gross breach of faith; the people of India think it unjust that they should bear the expense of increasing the Army for subduing a people alien from themselves. The people of India also resented having to bear a portion of the cost of the War in Egypt. How are we to avoid going on with this policy in India, which is sowing the seeds of future trouble as certainly as anything can happen in this world? I can see that within the next 20 or 30 years we shall have in India a second Ireland, unless we make a change and Parliament takes this matter in hand. Now, how are we to govern with the requisite economy and the requisite desire to meet the wishes of the people of India? Absolutely, I can see only one way, and that is to give effective expression to the opinions of the people, who are at present ruled as if they were children, and have no such expression of opinion accorded to them, or anything like representative government in the most elementary form. But the people are getting educated; you will find many of them just as intelligent as we are ourselves, and as education spreads discontent becomes more and more dangerous. How are we to meet the demands of the people? Their demands are reasonable, and such as I think we may grant at the present time. They demand the right of electing Native Members to the Legislative Councils of India. Those who are there now are selected because they are known to be favourable to the Government policy, whereas the people think they ought to be selected from those who are favourable to Native wishes. Then another most important reform is demanded, and it is that either the Council of India should be abolished, or that it should contain a substantial number of Natives. For my part, I lean to the latter view, because I do not believe that the Government can be carried on without the Council; but I think that a certain number of seats should be allotted to Natives, and there would be then more touch between the Council and the feelings of the people. Finally, I say that there is great discontent in India. Nevertheless, I believe the people are loyal to their connection with this country; they are aware that if that connection were to cease anarchy would soon override their country; that then they would not long be left independent; and I believe there is no desire to connect themselves with any other nation. The officials who now govern India are able men—no better men, I am convinced, can be found; but, at the same time, I cannot lose sight of the fact that it is essential that the form of Government in India should be made suitable to the habits and conformable to the wishes of the people. The present system, I am convinced, is conducted in a way which takes it more and more out of touch with the feelings of the Natives, and I hope it will be the work of a Royal Commission thoroughly to search into the whole subject of Indian Government, because nothing less than a Royal Commission will satisfy their aspirations, and it, too, must consist partly of Natives. For my own part, I believe that such a Commission would bring to light many grievances which few persons in this country are at all aware of. Finally, I have to thank the Committee for permitting me to make these remarks, and to say that they are uttered in the interest of England as well as of India; that I have endeavoured to follow the pole star of justice, and with the sole object of uniting the two countries by the indissoluble bonds of affection.

Sir JAMES FERGUSSON (Manchester, N.E.): I did not intend to address the Committee to-night; but, my recent service having made me conversant with the system of administration in India, I feel that I cannot allow some remarks of the hon. Member who has just sat down to pass by without comment. The hon. Gentleman has brought a long bill of indictment against the Government of India. But, Sir, a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, and knowledge obtained during a short tour in India is extremely dangerous to generalize upon. I think that those sitting below the hon. Member must be surprised at the fiscal doctrines he has picked up, and feel that in this case, at any rate, wisdom has not come from the East. The hon. Member thinks that a great injustice has been done to the people of India by ceasing to tax their foreign trade. Now, one doctrine of the Liberal Party was that a tax upon import trade falls on the consumer; and therefore, if he holds the principles of the Party with which he acts, he should perceive that taxes on imported goods were a burden on the people of India. Now, I am ready to admit that the taking off of the duties on imported goods, especially cotton, which formed the staple manufacture sent to India, was unpopular. There is no doubt about that; but I think the hon. Member's friends will tell him that that only shows the not very high degree of fiscal science at which the Natives of India had arrived, because if they knew as much of that as we do ourselves they would know that a great stimulus has been given to the commercial prosperity of the country by the abolition of the duties in question. The hon. Gentleman has given us a chapter on the poverty of India, a frequent topic, which will be discussed to the end. No doubt, the people of India are poor; their incomes are small in comparison with others, but so are their necessary expenses. In stating that there were cases of Natives having 20 rupees to live upon for a year, I think the hon. Member would have been more correct if he had said 20 rupees a month. Again, he allowed himself to fall into the extraordinary mistake of measuring the value of the rupee to the Natives by the rate of exchange; the Native's income is not to be measured by that, because the value of his rupee is just the same as it was to him before. It is only when they come to purchase foreign articles that the difference is felt. The rate of exchange has nothing to do with the people in India in the sense in which the hon. Member uses it when he complains of the depreciation of silver being a tax on the people. I think he is in error; he should not regard it as an evil to them, because in reality it is a benefit, and enables them to export goods at an enhanced profit to their country. I touch now on the silver question, into which the hon. Gentleman rushed with such confidence, although it has puzzled many, and I do not think it is quite so easily disposed of as is imagined. Although it is quite true that money remitted from India is subject to loss in exchange, yet the manufactures in India have gained by it. Were the loss by exchange relieved by the institution of a double currency, on the other hand taxation must be increased on account of the artificially enhanced value of the rupee. So that it is a moot point whether India would gain or lose by the institution of bi-metallism; and the hon. Gentleman would have us believe, even in the face of the admirable statement of the Under Secretary of State, that the deficits which have so far predominated, have had a crushing effect in India. I was struck last year, and am now, with the fallacies on this subject of hon. Gentlemen who have very little acquaintance with India. I find that for the last 12 years the Debt of India has been increased by £49,000,000, but while it has so increased taxation has been reduced by £20,000,000; and India has had to bear an exceptional expenditure, such as charges, for famine relief and war charges to the extent of £56,000,000, while it has invested in public works £106,000,000. There is no getting over these figures. The hon. Gentleman has talked of the poverty of the Natives as compared with that of other people. He spoke of them as being half-clad, and appeared to forget that the climate required them to be thinly clothed. I will only remark on that subject that if you were to tell a Native of India that he was a miserable, half-starved wretch, because he had only a loin cloth on when he went to till his land, he would laugh at you. Then the hon. Member said that nearly all the people were in debt. That is a very general statement. It was calculated 35 years ago that one-third of the tenantry in the Deccan, which is the poorest part of India, were in this position; but we have had occasion to make careful inquiry into this matter with regard to the working of the Agricultural Relief Act in the Deccan, and with the result that not more than one-fifth of the tenantry were found to be in debt. The Committee will recollect that the worst famine year was 1876-7, when, in spite of all the Government could do, there was a large loss of life; but even then there was only 10 per cent. of the Land Revenue not paid up. Then, it is altogether untrue that the land assessment has increased to the extent of anything like 25 or 30 per cent. The whole increase of assessment in the Deccan has been 17 per cent in 20 years, and when I left India in 1885 there was only ½ per cent of the whole Land Revenue of India in arrear. Therefore, I think the hon. Gentleman has greatly exaggerated the position of the people with regard to land assessment. As to the allegation that money is intercepted between the taxpayers and the Government, I do not believe it. The hon. Gentleman has heard of black-mail being got; so have I, and I have done something to put it down; but black-mail is not in connection with Revenue collection, but with land assessment. In arranging the assessment subordinates are apt to tell people that they will report the land as being of such-and-such value unless they are given a certain sum of money, and, no doubt, something of that kind has gone on. It is the Natives, however, who are concerned in it, for although I have received hundreds of charges of injustice by Natives, I have never had one before me by a European official. The hon. Member says that increase of trade is no proof of the increase of prosperity in the country. Well, then, I do not know what is. He says it is proved that the country is suffering from British rule, because the exports are greater than the imports. Why, Sir, that is the very reverse of what is said by a large section of persons in this country. I say that an excess of exports over imports is, according to their ideas, a proof of prosperity. I am aware that even this rests on a fallacy; but, however that may be, the increase of prosperity is beyond all doubt. In the first 30 years of the settlement, in eight selected sub-divisions, we find that cultivation had increased from 915,000 acres to 950,000 acres, and that land was found to be selling at a price very largely exceeding the assessment. The hon. Member says that the money which comes to England is a drain upon the country; but, I ask, has not India received the value of that money in capital invested, in articles purchased, or in services rendered? Then, with regard to the sale of spirits being stimulated by the Government, the hon. Member has fallen into a great fallacy. These things are read in Native newspapers; but I deny their truth. It was my business in India to see that this was not done in my Province—that the people were not tempted to drink spirits by the agency of the Government. The people will drink spirits; it has been the fashion in some localities to do so from time immemorial, and they say they must drink them to keep off fever. They distil spirits from grain and other materials in their own houses; but the Excise is regulated as highly as the article will bear, as in England, and the number of public-houses is kept down to the lowest point. As to European officials, if you want to govern the people upon English principles, you must have a considerable number of English officials; but you must remember that no man can be appointed to a post of more than 200 rupees a-month unless he is a Native of India, or unless he enters through the open door of Civil Service examination. The object of the Government now is that one out of every six Civil servants should be a Native. You must introduce great changes gradually. The hon. Member speaks of men being admitted to the Civil Service by examination in India. Why, Sir, that is exactly what is done; and every year a number of Natives are so admitted. I say it is surprising that hon. Gentlemen will make these statements to the House. Then the hon. Member speaks of a policy of annexation; but there has been no annexation to India since 1838. There have been many temptations to annexations; but some annexations the Government have actually resigned, though they had been previously determined upon, as in the case of Mysore, and some they have resisted, as in the case of Baroda. These things are well known in India, and it is only attempting to resuscitate an old buried grievance to say that the Government of India offends the Natives by annexations. We are stimulating the Princes to educate themselves up to European standards, and to deserve the confidence that the Government of India reposes in them. I must say that if there is nothing more to be said against the Government than we have been told to-night, the Government of India may rest content, and rely upon the approval of the people of this country.

Mr. LIONEL COHEN (Paddington, N.): The Committee has listened to eloquent speeches from hon. and right hon. Gentlemen who have been connected with India by ties of service in India itself, or in the India Office at home. I can make no such claim to the attention of the Committee; but I can assure the Committee that the length of the observations with which I shall trouble it will be measured by the same proportion as my experience bears to that which these Gentlemen have been able to bring to bear on the question. I shall deal with a few points connected with the finance of the country; and in a financial debate I may claim, I think, a little attention to the observations I shall offer in refutation of the statement that the finances of India are in a condition to cause grave anxiety. I am, of course, unable to speak with the authority of the right hon. Gentleman below me (Sir James Fergusson) as to the general position of affairs in India itself; but I do feel myself qualified to use, in reply to the hon. Gentleman the Member for Flintshire (Mr. S. Smith), the same observation as was used by the right hon. Gentleman—namely, that there is nothing in the financial condition of India, so far as we can see it in Europe, which should inspire us not only with grave anxiety, but with any anxiety at all. It seems astonishing to me that, in the consideration of this question to-night, there should have been one important and vital factor connected with the finances of India utterly lost sight of. I believe that India is the only country in the world which can borrow without increasing taxation. At this time, when the interest on Debt is falling throughout the world, when Governments are able to reduce the interest on their Debts —one State after another, and year by year—the Government of India is in the fortunate position of owing five-sixths of its foreign Debt in a Stock speedily maturing—namely, £53,400,000 out of £65,000,000 to this country at 4 per cent, and which falls due in 1888, or within two years of the present time. At the end of two years, then, it would be in the power of the Government of India, assuming that, financially speaking, circumstances remain as they are now, and if, as a prudent Government, they take advantage of the condition of things prevailing, and of the existing price of money, I say the Government of India will be actually in a position to reduce the interest on its Debt, and to effect an economy which will enable it to borrow £9,000,000, and yet the charge on the Indian taxpayer will remain just the same as it is at the present moment. In spite of this circumstance, hon. Gentlemen opposite say the finances of India are in a condition to cause grave anxiety. I should like them to point out any other country in the world which is so well situated as to be able to borrow £9,000,000 without adding to the burdens of the country. There is another question on which economy is practicable, and which I may be permitted to look at with some degree of paternal fondness, inasmuch as I endeavoured, before I had the honour of a seat in this House, to press it upon the country. I did so last year; it was the manner in which the Government of India has borrowed money for the purpose of constructing Indian railways. In all their undertakings, if possible—certainly in the future—I do not desire that they should abolish the system of leasing railways to different private Companies. I hold that for the Government of India to centralize in its own hands the administration of all railways in India would be a great mistake, as it would have the effect of taking away the incentive to private enterprize in India. I endeavoured, before I had a seat in this House, by favour of successive Under Secretaries, to enforce upon the Government of India the lesson that they should borrow money in the cheapest market and provide the Railway Companies with it themselves. They have been exonerated in this debate from the charge of paying more than the market rate; but they have not been exonerated from the charge of going about the market in a clumsy manner. If in these transactions they had gone about the borrowing of money in a proper way, and as the Under Secretary of State seemed inclined to go about it recently, they would have saved a large sum during the past 12 months on railways, not a very enormous sum, but a sum which should have amounted to £30,000 or £40,000 a-year. Notwithstanding the difficulties that have been before us during the last fortnight since the Dissolution loomed in view, the Bill on this question might have been introduced and passed. It could have been claimed for it that it was non-contentious; for, wherever the credit of the Government was to be used, it would have enabled that credit to be used in the cheapest possible manner. I very much regret that the Bill has not been passed on the subject, following the Resolution which authorized its introduction, because I believe it could have been carried very easily before the Dissolution, and that it would have been found to work very satisfactorily. There is another point in which I cannot help thinking that previous Secretaries are not free from blame. It appears to me that there is not sufficient of that rigour and vigour in apportioning the expenditure between the Mother Country and India that there ought to be; and that there is a disposition to put upon India certain charges which, in other Departments, are borne by this country. I think it unfair, because the Indian people have not a direct voice in this House, that their interests should not be looked after as well as if they were able to look after them themselves. There is not sufficient of that Spartan rigour in apportioning the expenditure between the Home and Indian Governments which I should like to see. It seems to me an anomaly that India should be taxed to pay the expenses of the staff of the Secretary of State and Under Secretary of State, when we do not require a single Colony to bear the charge for the Secretary and Under Secretary for the Colonies, or of any other Departments. If we look at the Estimates before us we shall find an item of £137,000 for the India Office. We charge India with the whole of the Red Sea telegraph expenses, and a certain arbitrary proportion of the expenses of Her Majesty's ships in Eastern waters—ships which would be just as much in existence, and used in just the same manner for the defence of our Colonies in these seas, if India did not belong to us. We charge India a certain proportion of the cost of the Missions in Persia and China, and various parts of the world from which India, as a part of the Imperial State, would have to be defended, if necessary, without a subvention from any country. We charge her a paltry sum as part of the expenses of the Indian Collection at South Kensington—a collection which I daresay is never inspected by a single Hindoo in the course of the year. This financial system of carrying on the Indian Government is altogether a paltry and unfair one to the Indian people; and I think we should have some reason assigned why there is this divergence in the course pursued with regard to India—especially in regard to the salaries of the high officials who from England administer the country—from the course pursued in connection with the Colonies. The next question I come to is one on which I shall only briefly touch, though it is an important one—namely, the so-called silver question. I have not felt, up to the present time, that it would be consistent to give my opinion on this subject, seeing that I am a Member of the Royal Commission which has sat to investigate the matter, and that the Report of that Commission has not been published. The Report has, however, now been noticed in the Public Press, though not yet published. There has been a large amount of evidence taken, which will, no doubt, in the course of a few days be laid upon the Table of the House; and it certainly bears out the statement that the right hon. Gentleman below me (Sir James Fergusson) has made, that the purchasing power of silver in India has remained unaffected by the changes that have taken place. Nevertheless, I look on this question, as far as the finances of India are concerned, with the greatest possible apprehension. It is possible, and until last year I thought it certain, believing as I do that this enormous depreciation in the value of silver is the result more of sentiment than of actual glut, that the depreciation and the consequent apprehension would pass away, as similar but less important fluctuations that have taken place in the price of silver have passed away before. But the feeling of uneasiness has grown to a much greater extent than one would have thought possible; and just as you have seen in former periods of monetary crises in this country it may be necessary for the Government to step in and even—I was going to say break a fundamental law, but that is a term proscribed in this House—interfere with an important measure for the preservation of the commerce of the country. What I fear is that the Natives of India, who can read just as well as we can the different discussions that take place in this House as to the prospects of silver, may feel that the danger they are running is very great—that those who have been led to produce in increasing quantities, and to bring their produce to market, may, in a moment of fright, feeling that the exchange that they receive for their commodities is diminishing in value, at first, perhaps, hoard their produce, and then endeavour to find an outlet for the silver they have in the markets of the world, that they will not only cease to absorb silver, but will try to sell it. In this way you might produce such a convulsion as would compel the countries of the world, for the preservation of their own business life, to step in and interfere. A danger of this kind prudent statesmen would deal with before it arises, instead of endeavouring to do so after the worst has happened. We know perfectly well that the consumption of the metal in the East has been absolutely larger than the production during the last decade, and that the evils we are suffering from now are those that arise from Stocks that are thrown upon India from the demonetizing countries, and there may be no end to these evils without some precautionary legislation. I trust that the subject will be immediately and specially inquired into, with a view to seeing how far foreign countries will join us in an attempt to deal with the question of silver depreciation. If something is not done I fear that India will continue to absorb, as she has commenced to do, an ever-increasing quantity of gold, to the serious detriment of Western Europe. It is, however, too large a question to go into at this hour of the night, and to exhaust now in all its bearings. Leaving that subject there are several matters of detail upon which the Under Secretary may be congratulated on this fitting opportunity—changes which have been made in the Accounts. I join in the hope that it may be possible to make in the future fewer changes in the circumstances under which the Indian Accounts are presented to us; still, I do hope that where such financial blots as are here discernible do occur that the hon. Gentleman opposite (Mr. Stafford Howard), or his Successor, will have the courage not to be deterred from carrying out useful changes. During this debate I heard an hon. Gentleman opposite (Sir George Campbell) make what I felt to be an undeserved attack upon a valued friend of mine—Mr. Moore—whose acquaintance I only made in the course of my last year's experience, but whom I have known long enough to appreciate as an able and honourable man.

Sir GEORGE CAMPBELL (Kirkcaldy, &c.): I did not make an attack upon that gentleman.

Mr. LIONEL COHEN: Yes; it was an attack.

Sir GEORGE CAMPBELL: I only inquired as to the circumstances under which he had received the appointment of Secretary to the noble Lord (Lord Randolph Churchill), and under which he was allowed a pension of £800 a-year on retiring from the India Office.

Mr. LIONEL COHEN: I am not aware of all the circumstances; but I know it was with great reluctance that Mr. Moore left the service of the Indian Council, and that he had nothing to do with the institution of the changes which preceded his resignation. I say that none of these circumstances reflect against him in the smallest degree. Finally, I am quite sure that the finances of India do not deserve the imputations that have been cast upon them in the course of this debate, and that it is utterly unfair to suppose that the Indian Government is administered, as has been stated, like a gigantic Juggernaut squeezing the life out of the people of the country.

Sir ROBERT FOWLER (London): The hon. Gentleman who has just sat down has made one remark to which I wish to draw the attention of hon. Gentlemen opposite and the Committee. He has alluded to a point that I often heard argued by one whose loss we all deplore—I mean the late Mr. Fawcett. He has alluded to the fact that a large number of charges that ought to be borne by the Imperial Revenue are borne by the Revenues of India. There is a great temptation—and I do not refer to the present but to all Governments—on the part of the Government to put charges on the Indian Exchequer which ought to be borne by us; because it is known that whatever is shoved on to the Indian Budget will only be discussed in a desultory conversation. The late Mr. Fawcett, whose authority was very great, not only with those who take an interest in these questions, but in the House generally, always argued that there were a large number of items which ought justly to be put on the Imperial Revenues which were charged to the Indian Revenues. I do hope that that subject will attract the attention of the hon. Gentleman opposite (Mr. Stafford Howard). I know this is not a popular thing to urge on an Indian Minister; but I think that where there are charges which should be borne by our own Revenues we should put them on them. The hon. Gentleman opposite (Mr. S. Smith) alluded to a good many of the grievances of India. He has paid great attention to them, and has travelled through the country itself. I know he is liable to the charge of the hon. Gentleman near me (Mr. Maclean) of having only paid a wandering visit to India. I am in the same position myself. I know that when one has only paid a rapid visit to a country one ought not to bring one's knowledge forward as worthy of particular attention, except when one has come into contact with gentlemen who are capable of imparting valuable information and instruction. Now, we have in this House, I am glad to say, many hon. Gentlemen who can give us information as to India. There are my right hon. Friend near me (Sir James Fergusson); the hon. Gentleman the Member for Worcestershire (Sir Richard Temple); the hon. Gentleman the Member for Oldham (Mr. Maclean); the hon. Gentleman the Member for Hackney (Sir Lewis Pelly); and others. From these we can probably learn as much about India in London as we could in Calcutta; but their conversation does not leave the same impression upon us as does conversation with the authorities we meet out in India, when one's whole attention is concentrated upon Indian subjects. I cannot, to the full extent, agree with hon. Gentlemen as to the poverty of the people of India. We know they are very poor; but compare them with the Japanese. You find the Japanese grouped in the same way as you find the people of India. They are a very poor people; but we know that in the history of the world nothing has been more remarkable than the way in which the Japanese have developed within the last quarter of a century. No part of the history of the world has been more remarkable than that affecting the Japanese. Some of the evidences of poverty that one meets with are not such real evidences of poverty as hon. Gentlemen seem to think. As for the question of taxation in India, I always feel that this is a subject which ought to attract the deepest attention here. We cannot but feel that the people of India are not represented here, and that, therefore, every Indian grievance ought to be most attentively considered—whether it be a real grievance from our point of view or not. There is this to be considered—and I am glad we know that the feeling of the people of Bengal is very much the feeling of the whole of the people of India. They are a people who, before we went to India, were much more oppressed than they have been since. I think it will be admitted that these people have been much better governed by England than they were by the Mahommedan dynasties which formerly existed. If we lost India, either one of two things would happen—either another Mahommedan Power would swoop down upon the country, or it would be annexed by an European Power, probably Russia. In either case the Natives would look back with great regret to the days when England ruled over them. They have never been as well ruled as they have been by England. The argument of the hon. Member (Mr. S. Smith) is that the poverty of the people constitutes a charge against the Government of India; but, Sir, it seems to me that it is entirely the reverse. India has enjoyed a long period of peace, and peace is the source of prosperity in all countries. Under the oppression of the Mahrattas, when there was no safety for life or property, the population of India decreased; but that condition of things has been swept away; we have given them peace, and the population has increased. At the same time, I cannot but feel that the Revenues of India are not altogether in a satisfactory position. I refer to the three main sources of Revenue—Opium, Land Tax, and Salt. I will not discuss opium, because we had earlier in the Session a debate on the subject, the result of which showed that the House did not wish to make any change. Looking at the fact that 40 Members were not willing to listen to the debate, I think we had a clear indication of the feeling of the House on that occasion. I think we must feel that the Land Revenue is as high as it ought to be. My hon. Friend (Mr. S. Smith) seems to think that the changes in the assessment were a great grievance; but, on the other hand, I cannot but feel that the population after the permanent settlement was less heavily taxed in Bengal than in the parts of India to which that settlement does not apply—the population of Bengal has nothing like the taxation that is borne in Madras. With regard to the Salt Tax, I think that if we were able to see our way to make a reduction in this, it would be satisfactory to every Member of the House. I am convinced of one thing, and that is that we all feel that it is undesirable to raise taxation, so to speak, from the life-blood of the country on articles of necessity used by the bulk of the people; and it seems to me that the arguments which Cobden used 40 years ago against the Corn Laws apply with great force against the Salt Tax. If, then, any change is possible, I say that anything which the Government can do in that direction will be a great source of satisfaction to Members of this House

The hon. Member opposite (Mr. S. Smith) seems to think there would be an advantage in having a bi-metallic coinage. But it seems to me that, gold and silver being articles of commerce of varying value, you cannot make any connection between them, and that, therefore, it would be useless to legislate in that direction.

Mr. EVERETT (Suffolk, Woodbridge): I have listened with interest to the debate which has taken place, and wish to say a few words on a subject of which we have heard a good deal to-night—namely, the fall in the value of silver. My mind, while I have been listening to what has been said as to the effect of that fall on the prosperity of India, has been exercised in considering what has been its effect on the prosperity of England. I belong to the agricultural class. In the present Parliament I have heard the subject of agricultural depression discussed again and again; and when we remember what has been so forcibly brought before us to-night, as to the effect which the depreciation of silver has on everything exported from India to England, I think we may find in that the key to what has brought depression upon the people of this country. It appears that upon every £1 worth of goods sent from India the producer receives a bonus of 20 per cent, and to this extent English producers are handicapped. In the Eastern Counties, from which I come, it is heart-rending to see the state into which agriculture has fallen. Land is going out of cultivation; it is producing nothing to the owner; farmers are drifting into bankruptcy; and if it be true, as we have heard to-night, that silver is likely to undergo further depreciation, the consequences will be serious indeed to the agricultural population of these Islands. Although I speak of agricultural depression, with which, as a farmer, I am best acquainted, I presume that depression in other branches of trade may be traced partly to the same source. I understood the hon. Gentleman opposite to say that every fall in the value of silver meant a fall in the price of commodities; and, that being so, the explanation of the depression in this country is perfectly clear. It would seem to follow that one way of restoring the prosperity we enjoyed formerly is equally simple and plain, and that is that we should restore the right of the free minting of silver that used to be enjoyed in European countries down to a recent date.

The CHAIRMAN: I am afraid the hon. Gentleman is now travelling from the Question before the Committee.

The UNDER SECRETARY of STATE for INDIA (Mr. Stafford Howard) (Gloucester, Thornbury): I shall now endeavour to answer as shortly as possible some of the questions put in the course of this debate. The noble Lord (Lord Randolph Churchill) commenced his speech by expressing his strong hope that the changes caused by an alteration of the system of Accounts will not occur again; but, if the noble Lord were in his place, I should have reminded him that the alteration is one which he himself authorized when in Office by a despatch sent to the Indian Government. The noble Lord referred to another despatch on the subject of reduction of Provincial expenditure, and asked if there had been any reply to it. I do not know whether any reply has been received; but I may point out that the time for arranging with the Provincial Governments will be in the spring of next year; and, consequently, the Government will abstain from any action in the matter until the time arrives. The hon. Member for Kirkcaldy (Sir George Campbell) complained of the practice or the power often exercised of taking a portion of the balances in the hands of the Provincial Governments; and he mentioned the fact that he had been very economical in his government, and that the balances he had saved were taken by the Indian Government; and he went on to say that he hoped that the extravagant Establishments of Madras and Bombay would be put a stop to. Well, Sir, I hope, if those Governments are extravagant, that when the time comes the question will be formally raised, and that steps will be taken to put them on a better basis. With regard to the taking of the balances of the Provincial Governments, I think it only fair that, when a crisis arrives, they should be called upon to contribute a small sum to the Imperial Expenditure of the country. Then the noble Lord asks whether the small surplus of £182,000 has not already been swallowed up by the fall in exchange for the rupee? I stated that, apart from that fall, the Government expected that their Budget Estimates would be realized; but it is stated, in a despatch from the Viceroy, that if the fall continued the deficit would have to be made good by the Indian Government. As to the location of the Government at Simla, I believe that what has appeared in the newspapers on this subject is an entire mistake. There is no official communication on the subject; but I understand that the suggestion is that some Departments of the Government Offices which were taken up there shall be allowed to remain during the year. The question, however, has not come before the Secretary of State; and, therefore, I am unable to say anything further upon it. The noble Lord asks about the ruby mines and petroleum springs in Upper Burmah. I regret that I have no information at present on the subject of the latter, and I am not aware if it has been particularly mentioned in the despatches we have received; but, with regard to the ruby mines, it is an error to say that any reference has been made to a French Syndicate. I believe that some arrangement is under consideration to place the matter in the hands of Mr. Streeter; but he does not intend to hand the management over to a French Syndicate, whatever arrangement may be arrived at. With regard to the criticisms on the terms granted to the Indian Midland Railway Company, the hon. Member for North Paddington (Mr. Lionel Cohen), who is undoubtedly a financial authority, has explained that it would have been impossible for the Government to obtain better terms than they did. Let me here refer to the Bill of which the hon. Gentleman spoke, and, at the same time, give him credit for the origination of the measure which was drafted to carry out his views. I regret that the Bill was not proceeded with, because I think there was time to have passed it. But, as it is, I believe it will be taken up again, and that the result will be that in future we shall be able to raise money on better terms to supply the requirements of Guaranteed Railways. The hon. Member also pointed out that the Government of India would be in a position by the means indicated to borrow in a short time, if they chose to do so, £9,000,000, without, in reality, adding to the burdens of the country. The other point to which he referred was taken up by the hon. Baronet on the opposite Bench (Sir Robert Fowler), who dealt with the proportion of Indian Expenditure which ought to be borne by this country. I think those remarks would be better addressed to the Finance Minister of this country, because I am sure that the Government of India would never object to expense being taken off their shoulders and put upon the people of this country. The hon. Member for Flintshire (Mr. S. Smith), in an exhaustive speech, described to us the condition of India as it presented itself to him after one visit. In the first place, he dealt largely with what he called the very serious increase of expenditure that was going on. But I am bound to say, both with regard to the article he wrote and his speech, that the hon. Member seems to me to have himself satisfactorily explained the larger proportion of the increased expenditure on which he dwells. I must remind the hon. Member that in every growing and improving country there must be growth of expenditure. But, although expenditure on those conditions is bound to increase, it does not, of course, follow that the Government has a right to be extravagant, or that in this instance the Government of India ought not to exercise the greatest discretion. But I wish to remind my hon. Friend that a sum larger than £1,500,000 is every year invested from the Revenues of India in public works, and in that way you will find that £5,000,000 more have been invested than the sum he mentioned as the net deficit in the Accounts of recent years. With regard to the value of silver, the right hon. Member for North-East Manchester (Sir James Fergusson) called the attention of the hon. Member for Flintshire to the information he had, which, as far as my knowledge goes, I am able to confirm, that the value of the rupee in India is the same as it was before the fall in exchange took place; and, therefore, the income of some of the Natives, which the hon. Member stated to be as low as 40 rupees, is represented by more than 30*s.* as he supposed. But I cannot go further into that subject now. I will only say in conclusion that, whilst many interesting questions have been raised upon which I should like to have said something, I feel that the patience of the Committee is exhausted. While I do not wish to appear as a great optimist, I do not, on the other hand, desire to run into the opposite extreme; and, looking at the great remissions of taxation the Indian Government made about the years 1881 and 1882, looking to the steady progress of the Revenue of the country, to the great reduction that has been made in the uncovered Debt, to the steady increase in the return from public works, and to the way in which the Indian Government has met the recent crisis, I think the position of Indian finance is not nearly so bad as my hon. Friend would have you believe, and with that statement I ask the Committee to agree to the Resolution.

Resolved, That it appears, by the Accounts laid before this House, that the Total Revenue of India for the year ending the 31st day of March 1885 was £70,690,681; that the Total Expenditure in India and in England charged to Revenue was £71,077,127; that there was an excess of Expenditure over Revenue of £386,446, and that the Capital Outlay on Railways and Irrigation Works was £4,226,613, besides a Capital Charge of £1,314,746 in connection with the Purchase of the Eastern Bengal Railway, and in the Redemption of Liabilities.

Resolution *agreed to;* to be reported upon *Thursday*.

MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE (IRELAND) BILL.—[Bill 9.]

(*Mr. James O'Brien*, *Mr. Timothy Harrington*, *Mr. Richard Power*, *Mr. Mayne*, *Mr. Peter M'Donald.*)

COMMITTEE.

Order for Committee read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."

Mr. LEWIS (Londonderry): I think we are entitled to know what is the view of Her Majesty's Government with reference to this Bill. I need hardly say that it is a measure of serious importance, and it is difficult to believe that it is intended to be taken now, and at this period of the Session. Surely the Government will not allow the Bill to be dealt with under the circumstances.

The SECRETARY to the TREASURY (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) (Wolverhampton, E.): I appeal to the hon. Member in charge of the Bill to consider whether it is advisable to proceed with it. Whatever may happen to the Bill in this House, it will have to go to the House of Lords, where it would probably give rise to considerable discussion; and, looking at all the circumstances, I think it would be impossible that it should pass into law this Session. I suggest that the Bill should be withdrawn.

Mr. SEXTON (Sligo, S.): The Lords have enjoyed the luxury of throwing out this Bill every year, and I suggest that we should give them another opportunity of dealing with it.

Question put.

The House *divided:*—Ayes 66; Noes 17: Majority 49.—(Div. List, No. 141.)

Bill *considered* in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 (Short title of Act).

Mr. BRODRICK (Surrey, Guildford): I rise to move, Sir, that you do now report Progress. I do so for the purpose of calling attention to the very singular position in which we are placed by the hon. Gentleman representing the Government who spoke on the Motion for going into Committee, and informed the House that we were entering upon an absolutely futile proceeding. Well, Sir, the hon. Gentleman (Mr. Henry H. Fowler), having declared that it was a waste of time to go on with the Bill, then proceeded to vote for going into Committee—that is to say, he voted for wasting the time of Parliament and entering on an absolutely futile proceeding. I ask whether the Government intend at this hour to enter on an important measure like this under the circumstances which the hon. Gentleman has described? I am quite aware that a large number of Gentlemen representing Irish constituencies are in their places; but I would point out that the remaining Business on the Paper is of a kind which we ought to be anxious to bring to a practical issue, in order to prevent further loss of Bills occurring by any action of the other Chamber. For these reasons I trust the Motion I am about to make will be agreed to, so that we may not be put to the farce of discussing a measure in detail which, as the hon. Gentleman the Secretary to the Treasury has told us, cannot possibly become law.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again."—(*Mr. Brodrick.*)

The SECRETARY to the TREASURY (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) (Wolverhampton, E.): I simply stated the facts, and the position in which the Bill stood; it is, of course, for the Committee to come to a decision upon those facts. I may state that my sympathy is entirely with this Bill, and my hope is to see it pass into law, although, as I have said, there are great difficulties in the way of its doing so this Session. As I have pointed out, the Committee will form their own conclusion on the subject. I do not see that there are many Amendments on the Paper; and, supposing that the Bill passes through Committee, the Report stage can only be reached on Thursday. I need not go through the other stages that have to be taken, but will merely say that I should like the division to be a proof that this House is in favour of the Bill, and that the Government, who have been in favour of the Bill all along, are not to blame if it does not become law this Session.

Mr. LEWIS (Londonderry): The position which the Government have taken up with regard to this Bill I regard only as another instance of their submission to the Home Rule Party; and I venture to say that no Member of this House has ever had experience of anything of the kind that has happened to-night. The hon. Gentleman the Secretary to the Treasury has told the Committee that it is absolutely impossible that the Bill can go any further and become law this Session; and, although there is active and important Business on the Paper that we are all anxious should be brought to an issue, we are expected to waste our time and the few remaining days of the Session in discussing the details of this measure. I repeat that the Government are continuing to do what they have been doing all along—that is, pursuing a course of abject submission to the Home Rule Party, which will enable us to show, both inside and outside the House, how much they delight to serve their new masters.

Mr. SEXTON (Sligo, S.): I point out that if the Committee shares the opinion of the hon. Gentleman the Secretary to the Treasury, and desires that the Bill should pass into law, there is sufficient time for the purpose. The only opponent of the Bill is the hon. Member who has just spoken, and he opposes it because he knows that if it passes into law the Corporation of Derry will be Nationalists, and because he knows that if this Nationalist measure passes the Municipality of Derry will never again have a Tory Member. This is the only matter that underlies the hon. Gentleman's opposition. Another reason why we should go on now is that we can hold a short Sitting to-morrow, at which the Report and third reading of the Bill can be taken; and then, if the Lords pass the Bill, there is nothing easier than for the Government, in the interval before the Session closes, to pass the Bill into law. Under the circumstances, we shall certainly press the Committee on one point, and that is to allow the Bill to go through to-night.

Sir ROBERT FOWLER (London): I have to refer to one extraordinary point in the remarks of the hon. Member for Sligo (Mr. Sexton), who says that if there should be a Nationalist Mayor in Derry it will be impossible for my hon. Friend to be returned again. But, Sir, I wish to remark that it is not with the Returning Officer that the matter rests of sending Members to this House, but with the electors.

Mr. TOTTENHAM (Winchester): I also wish to point out to the hon. Member for Sligo (Mr. Sexton) that the course he has indicated is practically impossible. I understand that the Resolution has already been taken that the House should adjourn till Thursday; and as it is known that the Dissolution is announced to follow immediately it is simply an absurd waste of the time of the House trying to pass the Bill through further stages here.

Colonel NOLAN (Galway, N.): I remind the Committee that we can take the third reading immediately after the Bill passes through Committee. If, then, the Government are sincere in what they have said, it is perfectly easy for them to go to the Lords with the Bill in time to get it passed into law when it comes back to us.

Question put.

The Committee proceeded to a Division, and the Chairman stated he thought the Noes had it; and, his decision being challenged, he directed the

Ayes to stand up in their places, and 14 Members only having stood up, the Chairman declared the Noes had it.

Original Question again proposed.

Sir ROBERT FOWLER (London): On that Question, Sir, I refer again, as I was out of Order on the Question of Progress, to the statement of the hon. Member for Sligo (Mr. Sexton), who has told us that if this Bill becomes law the Mayor of Derry would be a Nationalist and would not do his duty. I think, Sir, that the argument of the hon. Member will not commend itself to this House.

Mr. SEXTON (Sligo, S.): I intended to convey that, as is well known, the Tory Returning Officers play tricks in these matters, and that the Nationalist officers do not.

Clause *agreed to.*

Clauses 2 and 3 *agreed to.*

Clause 4 (Qualification for municipal franchise).

Mr. LEWIS (Londonderry): I think there is an inconsistency in this clause. I point out to the Government that this is part of a Bill which professes to assimilate the law of England to the law of Ireland; but, as far as I know, this clause does nothing of the kind. Subsection (C) only requires for the enrolment of a person in the Burgess Roll that he should, during the period of six calendar months next preceding the 31st of August, have resided within the borough, or within seven statute miles of the same. This is clearly not assimilating the law of the two countries.

Clause *agreed to.*

Clause 5 (Exclusions from franchise).

Mr. LEWIS (speaking amid great interruption): I think it is quite enough that the Government have no intention whatever of taking a becoming course with reference to this Bill, without the voices of hon. Members being drowned by the organized laughter and interruptions of hon. Members below the Gangway. I protest against this treatment, which cannot be justified by the mere presence of 50 Members below the Gangway. The Government, having at first said it was useless to attempt to go on with the Bill, are now deserting their duty and the position they took up before the Bill came into Committee; and, further, when I draw their attention to the fact that there is no assimilation of law as between the two countries, they take not the slightest notice of that grave consideration. Under the circumstances, it is quite impossible that anyone can take part in the discussion of the Bill. We have no assistance from the Government, and, therefore, we can but look on the present proceedings in the same light as they have been described by the Government themselves—that is to say, as a perfect farce; to leave the House, and allow them and hon. Members below the Gangway to play it out by themselves.

Mr. BRODRICK (Surrey, Guildford): I have one observation to make. Not a single official connected with the Government of Ireland is present on this occasion. No Member of the Government is competent to deal with the Business in the absence of such official, and no Member of the Government is willing to give any directions for the guidance of the Committee in this matter. Under the circumstances, I think the suggestion of the hon. Member for Londonderry will be very properly acted upon.

Clause *agreed to.*

Clauses 6 to 18, inclusive, *agreed to.*

Schedule *agreed to.*

Bill *reported*, without Amendment.

Mr. J. F. X. O'BRIEN (Mayo, S.): I would now ask the permission of the House that the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. SPEAKER: It would not be consistent with my duty to allow the third reading to be taken under the circumstances.

Bill to be read the third time upon *Thursday.*

LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

CONSIDERATION OF LORDS' AMENDMENTS.

Lords' Amendments *considered.*

Mr. PARNELL (Cork): I do not know whether I shall be in Order in moving that the Amendments of the Lords be disagreed with. If I am in Order, I will do so on the ground that the chief Amendments of the Lords have practically deprived the Bill of any value for the purpose for which it was intended, and that consequently, if we were to agree to them, we should be taking part in a farce. The Bill was proposed to remedy certain defects in the existing Acts. Under the original Act it was provided that there should be power for compulsory purchase; the Land Act passed in the following year provided for certain extensions, but, by an oversight of the draftsman, "compulsory purchase," with reference to these extensions, was not included. The consequence was that this part of the Act was useless; it did not include provision for compulsory purchase. Well, Sir, this Bill was introduced mainly for the purpose of providing for these deficiencies, and, as a matter of fact, Members from the North of Ireland vied with us in endeavouring to remedy the defect. But when the Bill came from "another place," it was possible for Conservative Members to throw the blame of neglecting the interest of Irish labourers in the North and South of Ireland on other shoulders, and they did so, and the landlords have taken on themselves the responsibility of rendering the Bill useless. This will be the third of the Irish Bills which we have been so fortunate as to pass through this House only to be destroyed in "another place." I desire to point out to those who think it is easy to legislate for Ireland that during this Session we have had unexampled good fortune in obtaining Wednesdays for the second reading of our Bills. I think we obtained more than five-sixths of those days on which it was possible for us to submit to the judgment of this House many most important measures for the government of Ireland; but I think we have not been able, owing to obstruction in "another place," to pass a single measure, and this notwithstanding the fact that not one of those Bills was seriously opposed in this House. [*Dissent.*] I think anyone who disputes this view is arguing in a manner which, on the face of it, is palpably absurd. I will not detain the House by any further enlarging on this subject; but I do not think I should be doing my duty in regard to matters of great importance if I did not move that the House disagreed with the Lords' Amendments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That this House doth disagree with The Lords in the said Amendments."—(*Mr. Parnell.*)

MR. BRODRICK (Surrey, Guildford): I think the hon. Member for the City of Cork cannot have read the Amendments of the Lords to this Bill. I believe there is not a single point in the remarks of the hon. Member, with reference to this Bill, which is borne out by fact. Why, Sir, nine-tenths of the Amendments in the Bill were inserted by Lord FitzGerald in the House of Lords—["No, no!"]—I believe I am right in mentioning his name as having had charge of the Bill — and those Amendments were put in in pursuance of arrangements made in a Committee of this House. I think the hon. Gentleman will recollect that the Bill came on at a late hour throughout the whole of its course, which prevented the House fully expressing an opinion upon it; but, in addition to that, I point out that no single Amendment has been inserted in the Bill which is opposed to the Resolutions of the Committee which sat upstairs to consider it, and that, on the contrary, everything suggested by the Committee is carried into effect by the Amendments which have now come down from the House of Lords. The hon. Member actually throws overboard the work of the Committee which sat a year ago, on which eight or ten of his own Friends sat, and every one of whom was unanimous with the other Members with regard to the measure. And, further, the two clauses to which the hon. Member chiefly objects, and which I admit are opposed to what occurred in this House, are clauses which were never raised in Committee. At this hour it would be an absolute farce to go into the matter, and I can only say that if the hon. Gentleman persists in his Motion, he will, in all probability, cause the loss of the Bill, which will be deeply regretted by the Irish labourers, and afford a handle to Members on these Benches when the subject comes before the Irish constituencies, every one of whom would have been present had they had the least idea that these Amendments would be disagreed with. I protest against this course being taken in the absence of the Ulster Members. I hope the Motion of the hon. Member will not be persisted in, and that the Amendments will be considered in detail and dealt with in the spirit in which they were dealt with in Committee.

THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY (Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER (Wolverhampton, E.): The hon. Member for the City of Cork (Mr. Parnell) is perfectly within his right in the course he has taken, and I think he has acted in the most effective and suitable manner in moving that the House disagree with the Amendments *en bloc* instead of in detail. I entirely agree with the hon. Member in thinking that some of the Amendments made to the Bill render it worthless, although we admit that there are some of a minor character which I should have advised the hon. Member to accept. Yet, Sir, I must call the attention of the House to the remarks of Lord FitzGerald in "another place." From what the hon. Member for the City of Cork has stated, I take it that Irish Members object with regard to Clause 11, which Lord FitzGerald described as the most valuable clause in the Bill, and the omission of which he would not consent to. My noble and learned Friend the Lord Chancellor took precisely the same view; and I should say, so far as the Government are concerned, that if the hon. Member for the City of Cork takes the Amendments in detail, we shall support him to the utmost of our power so far as the original clauses are concerned. There are one or two other points on which we think the Amendments of the Lords are of the most unfortunate character, inasmuch as they very much impair the effect of the Bill in the opinion of hon. Members opposite, who are the best judges of what they think suitable for Ireland. If the hon. Member goes to a division on the general question of dissenting from the Amendments as a whole, I shall go into the Lobby against him.

MR. SEXTON (Sligo, S.): When the last Bill was before us in Committee, the Friends of the hon. Member for Londonderry (Mr. Lewis) were in considerable force above the Gangway, where they remained until they found they were unable to obstruct Irish Business; when they found they were not strong enough to do so, they retired altogether and left the hon. Gentleman alone. Now, Sir, we take a very strong interest in the Labourers' Bill, and we were aware that the Lords' Amendments would come on to-night. The opposition of the hon. Member for Guildford (Mr. Brodrick), and his method of dealing with the present Bill, may be described in a very few words. He endeavours to introduce certain Amendments, and he discovers that the sense of the House is against him. [MR. BRODRICK: I have not moved a single Amendment to the Bill.] The hon. Member put an Amendment on the Paper which he had not the courage to move, and I say that the effect of Amendments appearing on the Paper of the House of Commons was sufficient to procure their acceptance in "another place." The hon. Member for the City of Cork has moved that we disagree with the Lords' Amendments as a whole. The Lords' Amendments are numerous, some of them are complicated, and my hon. Friend is desirous of saving time. My hon. Friend stated that two or three of the Amendments were vital, inasmuch as they took all worth out of the Bill, and he is impressed with the desire not to take up the time of the House unnecessarily by going into questions of detail. There are three vital Amendments from the Lords; and to show that we are actuated by no vexatious motive, we are willing, if the three Amendments are dissented from, to abstain from opposing the rest. The first Amendment relates to the position of the agricultural labourer. By the Act of 1883 an agricultural labourer was defined to be a person who did agricultural work on the land of another person. Well, Sir, we found that if poor labourers failed for a month or a week to get agricultural work, and turned to another kind of labour, they were objected to and put outside the benefit of the Act; we found it would be impossible for any agricultural labourer so situated to satisfy the Local Board that he was entitled to the benefit of the measure. We regard this Amendment of the Lords as vital. Then the Lords strike out the clause which provides that the landlord should not claim to have more than one home farm. This was arrived at with the universal consent of the House; it was found that whenever land was wanted for the purpose of the Act the landlord always said it was part of a home farm. In the third place, the Lords have struck out the provision which allowed the Guardians to claim land compulsorily. That provision was introduced because we found that it was impossible to get the land when the matter was left to agreement with the landlord. We induced this House to agree that if the labourers had not good houses the Guardians should not be under the necessity of getting land by agreement, but should be allowed to get it by compulsion. These, Sir, are the three vital points on which we object to the Lords' Amendments, and we shall prove our good faith by carrying out the proposal I have suggested.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the hon. Member for the City of Cork consent to withdraw his Motion for the purpose of going through the Lords' Amendments *seriatim?*

MR. PARNELL: I think I may ask the hon. Member for Guildford (Mr. Brodrick) whether that course will meet with his approval? Otherwise I think it will be useless to put the House to the trouble of going through the Amendments *seriatim* and dividing on them.

MR. BRODRICK (Surrey, Guildford): I should not myself have divided the House on the first Amendment, but I consider that the Amendment on Clause 11 is one on which I should take a division. However, in the present state of the House, I shall satisfy myself by simply saying "No" on the Motion to disagree, and take the same course with regard to other Amendments.

MR. PARNELL: Then I ask leave to withdraw my Motion.

Motion, by leave, *withdrawn.*

Lords' Amendments *further considered.*

Several Amendments *agreed to;* several *disagreed to;* subsequent Amendments *agreed to.*

Committe *appointed,* "to draw up Reasons to be assigned to The Lords for disagreeing to the Amendments to which this House hath disagreed:"—MR. PARNELL, MR. SEXTON, MR. HENRY H. FOWLER, MR. ARNOLD MORLEY, MR. JOHN O'CONNOR, COLONEL NOLAN, and MR. MAYNE:—To withdraw immediately; Three to be the quorum.

Reasons for disagreeing to The Lords' Amendments *reported,* and *agreed to:*—To be communicated to The Lords.

POST OFFICE MAIL CONTRACT (LONDON AND SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY AND LONDON, BRIGHTON, AND SOUTH COAST RAILWAY COMPANY).

Resolved, That the Contract with the London and South Western Railway Company and with the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company for the conveyance of the Mails to and from Portsmouth and Ryde be approved."—(*Mr. Henry H. Fowler.*)

COMMITTEES.

Ordered, That all Committees have leave to sit, notwithstanding the Adjournment of the House.—(*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.*)

House adjourned at half after One o'clock till Thursday.

HOUSE OF LORDS,

Tuesday, 22nd June, 1886.

MINUTES.]—PUBLIC BILLS—*Second Reading*—Peterhead Harbour of Refuge* (166); Intoxicating Liquors (Sale to Children) (176); Consolidated Fund (Appropriation)*; Public Works Loans* (188).

Second Reading discharged—Probation of First Offenders (51).

Committee—Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers) Act (1875) Amendment* (162); Public Health Acts (Improvement Expenses) (143); Land Tax Commissioners' Names* (165); Returning Officers' Charges (Scotland* (173-195); Tithe Rent-Charge (Extraordinary) Redemption (174-193); Westminster Abbey Restoration (183); Shop Hours Regulation* (186-199).

Committee discharged — Merchant Shipping (Fishing Boats) Acts Amendment (184).

Committee—Report — Third Reading — Married Women (Maintenance in Case of Desertion) (164), and *passed.*

Committee—Report—Customs* (175); Revising Barristers' Appointment* (179); Revising Barristers (Ireland)* (180); Metropolitan Board of Works (Money)* (181); Public Works Loans (Tramways Ireland)* (182).

Report—Medical Acts Amendment* (187).

Third Reading—Losses by Riot (Compensation)* (156); Terms of Removal (Scotland)* (157); Poor Law Loans and Relief (Scotland* (158-197); Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries* (159); Coal Mines* (160), and *passed.*

PROVISIONAL ORDER BILL—*Third Reading*—Police and Improvement (Scotland) (Leith)* (150), and *passed.*

MARRIED WOMEN (MAINTENANCE IN CASE OF DESERTION) BILL.

(*The Lord FitzGerald.*)

(NO. 164.) COMMITTEE.

House in Committee (according to order).

Amendments made.

Moved, "That Standing Order No. XXXV. be suspended in order that the

Bill be read a third time."—(*The Lord FitzGerald.*)

Lord DENMAN said, he felt bound to vote against the suspension of the Standing Orders proposed in order to permit the Session to be wound up in a violent hurry, as was the case on July 10, 1884, when three measures in their Lordships' House were stopped, and one also in the House of Commons. That measure—the Law of Evidence Further Amendment Bill—was further postponed in December, 1884. Their Lordships might recollect that the Representation of the People Bill was delayed going into Committee by the intervention of the noble Marquess the then Leader of the Opposition for four days; and on December 4, that he (Lord Denman) had brought forward his Amendments, for which, including the extension of the franchise to women, he would have remained until December 19—a time in which a Parliament of Queen Elizabeth had been prorogued. It was said that this was a people's Dissolution; but he believed the people had no wish for it. The "People's Will," named in the Epistle Dedicatory to the Queen by Tennyson, and the will of the people, were very different, and it was the Prerogative of the Crown to dissolve Parliament. A Dissolution would interfere with the season in London, with trade, and with the harvest; and there was no intelligible issue before the country, as was the case in the House of Lords in 1713, as to the repeal of the Scotch Union; and in 1833, when Mr. O'Connell's Motion was rejected by 428 votes to 40; and in 1844, when Lord John Russell's Motion for an inquiry into the state of Ireland was rejected by a majority of 99. There were several questions which affected women and which ought not to pass till a Woman's Suffrage Bill was carried. The only objection made to it in their Lordships' House was that it had not been fully discussed, and no time remained for its discussion through the advice of the Ministry in advising a Dissolution.

Motion *agreed to.*

Standing Order No. XXXV. *considered* (according to order), and *dispensed with:* Amendments *reported*, and Bill read 3ª, with the amendments, and *passed*, and sent to the Commons.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RETURNING OFFICERS) ACT (1875) AMENDMENT BILL.

(*The Lord President.*)

(no. 162.) committee.

House in Committee (according to order).

Clause 1 *agreed to.*

On Motion of The Marquess of Salisbury, Clauses 2 to 6, inclusive, *struck out.*

Clause 7 *agreed to.*

Schedule *struck out.*

The Report of the amendments to be received *To-morrow ;* and Standing Order No. XXXV. to be considered in order to its being dispensed with.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS (IMPROVEMENT EXPENSES) BILL.

(*The Earl of Jersey.*)

(no. 143.) committee.

House in Committee (according to order).

Lord BRABOURNE said, he rose to propose the insertion of a new clause, the object of which was to protect Railway and Canal Companies in cases where speculative builders and others laid out new streets adjoining lines of railways or canals simply for the purpose of imposing upon the owners thereof the cost of half the street, although no access to the street could be made from the railway or canal. The proposed clause would not inflict any hardship upon owners of property, nor would it in any way affect the Local Authority or increase any expenses to be borne by the ratepayers. The only persons affected would be those who laid out streets alongside canals or railway embankments or cuttings; and they would know that if they did so they would have to bear the entire cost of the street from which they derived the sole benefit. It was submitted that the justice of the clause was obvious, because railways and canals were themselves a species of highway, and could derive no possible benefit from the construction of a street alongside of them; but, in case of circumstances hereafter changing so as to render the construction of a street a benefit to the Railway or Canal Company, the clause provided that in such a case the Railway or Canal Company should contribute, and their contribution should be divided among the then owners of the other lands charged with the construction of the street. It was also pointed out that the exemption only applied to such streets as were constructed alongside the actual lines of railway or canal, leaving the Companies in respect of their stations, depôts, and other property in the same position as other landowners and liable to contribute towards the expenses of new streets.

Moved, to insert the following new Clause:—

"No Railway or Canal Company shall be deemed to be an owner liable to be charged with the expenses of executing any private street works in respect of any land of such Company upon which any street as defined in this Act shall wholly or partially front or abut, and which shall be used by such Company solely as a part of their line of railway, or sidings, or canal, and shall have no direct communication with such street, and the expenses incurred by the Sanitary Authority under the powers of this Act, which but for this provision suchRailway or Canal Company would be liable to pay, shall be repaid to the Sanitary Authority by the owners of the other premises liable to be charged with such expenses, and in such proportion as shall be settled by the Surveyor in accordance with and subject to the provisions of this Act. And in the event of the Railway or Canal Company subsequently making a communication with such street they shall, notwithstanding such repayment as last aforesaid, pay to the Sanitary Authority the expenses which, but for the foregoing provision, such Railway or Canal Company would, in the first instance, have been liable to pay, and the Sanitary Authority shall divide among the owners for the time being of the premises originally charged with the expenses aforesaid the amount so paid by such Railway or Canal Company to the Sanitary Authority in such proportion as shall be settled by the Surveyor. But this section shall not apply to any street as defined in this Act existing at the date of the passing of this Act."—(*The Lord Brabourne.*)

Lord SUDELEY (for the Local Government Board) said, he must oppose the clause on the ground that it gave special exemption to Railway Companies. It was quite possible a clause somewhat similar to this had been inserted in various Private Acts; but this was done in private measures on account of various local considerations, and the practice did not at all serve as a precedent for a General Act. In some of these cases only an exemption from a proportion of the expenses, and not the whole, would be all that could properly be claimed. There were also other cases beside those of railways and canals in which it would be proper for a ratepayer to be relieved, in whole or in part, from the payment of such expenses; and it would be unfair to confer an absolute exemption in one class and not in others. Further, the Bill already provided, by Clause 7, that the degree of benefit to be derived by the premises from the improvements should be taken into consideration in making the apportionment. That such an appeal would be available in all these cases would be made still clearer than at present by the Amendment which would be made in Section 4, by the omission of the parenthesis in Subclause (*d*). The proposed Amendment also provided that if the Company at any time made a communication with the street, they should then pay the sum they would have had to pay, and that such sum should be distributed among the owners for the time being of the premises originally charged. This would be a very unsatisfactory method of redressing the original injustice, for many of the owners at the time might not be the same as those who originally paid for the works. The insertion of the proposed clause would, therefore, be opposed. If the provisions mentioned for the protection of the frontagers who derived little or no benefit from the improvements should not be found sufficient in practice to remove the Railway Companies' grievances, it would be proper to amend those provisions; but probably they would be found to afford a sufficient remedy already.

The Marquess of SALISBURY said, that if a new street was made in the neighbourhood of a railway, though it had no station there and might not stop there, he did not think that by reason of its neighbourhood it should be charged as being benefited by the street by its frontage. This Bill showed the inconvenience of dealing with complicated questions of local management at this period of the Session. Every precaution should be taken to see that private interests were not damaged.

The LORD CHANCELLOR (Lord Herschell) said, there were other cases besides railways and canals which stood in the same position. It was not fair to put railways and canals in an exceptionally favourable position as compared with private owners. The 7th clause provided that in the rating the greater or less degree of benefit should be considered, and he thought this met the objection.

THE EARL OF JERSEY said, the object of the Bill was not to rate the railways according to their frontage. If a street was made which would be of benefit to the railway, it was but fair that it should bear a part of the public burden, but not otherwise. The Bill provided opportunities for railway owners and others to have their case fairly settled before any work was begun. He hoped their Lordships would not accept the clause.

THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY said, he held that the 7th clause made the frontage the main consideration in the rating.

THE EARL OF GALLOWAY said, he should support the proposed clause.

THE EARL OF JERSEY said, the clause as it stood was not shown to be unjust, and he objected to having special clauses introduced unless good reason could be shown for inserting them.

On Question? Their Lordships *divided:*—Contents 82; Not-Contents 31: Majority 51.

House *resumed.*

THE EARL OF JERSEY said, that after the decision to which their Lordships had come the promoters of the Bill desired to withdraw it.

Bill (by leave of the House) *withdrawn.*

TITHE RENT-CHARGE (EXTRAORDINARY) REDEMPTION BILL.

(*The Lord Sudeley.*)

(NO. 174.) COMMITTEE.

Order of the Day for the House to be put into Committee read.

Moved, "That the House do resolve itself into Committee on the said Bill."—(*The Lord Sudeley.*)

LORD SUDELEY (for the Home Department) explained that there had been a meeting that morning at the Home Office, at which all the interests affected by the Bill were represented. Among others present were the Bishops of London and Peterborough, the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, Lord Beauchamp, representatives of Queen Anne's Bounty, of the Land Commissioners, of the promoters of the Bill, and Members of the Select Committee of the other House, to which the measure had been referred. The meeting had agreed to certain Amendments as constituting a fair compromise between those who differed as to the desirability of the original provisions of the Bill.

Motion *agreed to:* House in Committee.

The Report of the Amendments to be received *To-morrow*, and Standing Order No. XXXV. to be considered in order to its being dispensed with; and Bill to be *printed* as amended. (No. 193.)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY RESTORATION BILL.—(No. 183.)

(*The Lord Sudeley.*)

COMMITTEE.

House in Committee (according to order).

Clause 1 (Short title) *agreed to.*

Clause 2 (Power of Dean and Chapter of Westminster to borrow and of Ecclesiastical Commissioners to lend for repair of Westminster Abbey).

THE BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH (Dr. MAGEE), in moving the following Amendment:—

> "Provided that such repairs and restorations shall have been approved of by the said Commissioners,"

said, had not the title of the Bill contained the word "restoration" he should not have troubled the House on the matter. But the word "restoration" was by no means so definite as "repairs." To the uninstructed mind it meant simply the restoring to the state in which the building had been before; but in the mind of an architect—and especially an eminent architect—restoration meant putting in something which the builders could, should, would, or might have done, and it was sometimes very startling and very exasperating to find what was done in the name of restoration. Objects of historical interest like cathedrals required to be guarded with the most jealous care, for if once "eminent architects" got their hands upon them they began to vivisect them according to their own inner consciousness. Most of their Lordships were acquainted with one of the most lovely cathedrals in the country—that of Salisbury; that cathedral fell into the hands of the most eminent architect of his day—Wyatt—who pulled down the bell tower because he thought it interfered with the view. Then he shifted the holy table from its place, and finally took down all the monuments from their places and distributed them about the church wherever he thought they would look pretty. The consequence was that the whole interior history of the cathedral had vanished. It was not safe to intrust our cathedrals to any architect, however eminent, and the more eminent the more he was afraid of him. Deans and Chapters would scarcely dare to say a word in opposition to an eminent architect, who would thus be enabled to work his wicked will upon our cathedrals unrestrained by any consideration except that imposed by his own inner consciousness. In the smallest parish church not a door or window or pew could be altered without a faculty from the Bishop's Court; but no licence from the Bishop's Court was required for dealing with the cathedral, the most important architectural edifice in the diocese. The only other thing that would prevent them from pulling the cathedral down and leaving it there, or substituting for it a Grecian temple or a Chinese pagoda, was the difficulty of getting subscriptions for the purpose, or the fear that subscribers would seek to get them back if they were to be applied to other purposes than those they gave them for. Unless his Amendment were adopted, there would be no check on an architect doing anything he pleased under the name of restoration. That was not a safe state of things for our cathedrals, and by his Amendment he simply asked that over public money there should be some public check, and, in his opinion, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners were the proper persons to exercise the power. They made the grant, and they had the additional advantage of having an architect of their own to advise them. He proposed this Amendment in no spirit of hostility to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, but merely to insure that over the expenditure of public money there should be some public check.

Moved, In page 1, line 19, after ("thereto") insert ("provided that such repairs and restorations shall have been approved of by the said Commissioners.")—(*The Lord Bishop of Peterborough.*)

Amendment *agreed to.*

On Motion of Lord SUDELEY, Amendment made, in page 1, line 21, by leaving out ("thirty") and inserting ("fifty"); line 23, by leaving out ("the rate of four per centum per annum") and inserting—

("Such rate as shall be agreed on between the said dean and chapter and the said Commissioners");

also, after Clause 2, by inserting the following Clause:—

"In case the Ecclesiastical Commission satisfy themselves that the revenues of the dean and chapter will not suffice to repay the principal or pay the interest as above named, the said Commissioners may make a grant for such portion of the aforesaid sum as shall be necessary for the preservation of the building."

The Report of the Amendments to be received *To-morrow*, and Standing Order No. XXXV. to be considered in order to its being dispensed with; and Bill to be *printed* as amended. (No. 194.)

MERCHANT SHIPPING (FISHING BOATS) ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—(No. 184.)

(*The Lord Sudeley.*)

COMMITTEE.

Order of the Day for the House to be put into Committee read.

THE EARL OF WEMYSS said, that he desired to enter his protest against a measure of this kind, which was intended to compel the skippers of small fishing boats to submit to the same Board of Trade examination that the commanders of large vessels were required to pass. This was an attempt on the part of the Board of Trade to get everybody into their net.

THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY said, he had received a telegram from the Secretary of the Insurance Societies of Lowestoft, who were interested in the fishing trade, which stated that in their opinion this Bill, if passed into law, would ruin the fishing interest. He had not had time to inform himself of the case upon which that objection rested; but he thought it most unfortunate that legislation respecting an important industry should be hurried through with so much speed that the persons most concerned were not aware of the legislation which it was sought to impose upon them. They at least believed that they were to be ruined by it.

LORD SUDELEY (for the Board of Trade) explained that the main object of the Bill was to extend to skippers of fishing boats the provisions of the Act of 1883. The complaints by the Lowestoft fishing interest were made under a misapprehension of the objects of this measure. Under Clause 10 it was proposed to extend inquiries to boat accidents similar to those which could be held upon accidents in ships. It was often found that very serious accidents occurred to boats under oars, especially in conveying fish to trawlers; but, unfortunately, owing to the construction of the Act of 1883, no inquiries could be held in such cases. Under Clause 11 owners of fishing boats were able to make rules and regulations, but they could not be carried out without the sanction of the Board of Trade; and it was quite clear that the fishing trade at Lowestoft were not aware that in the other House Sir Edward Birkbeck introduced a clause ordering all Rules to be laid on the Table of both Houses for a month before they could become law, thus removing their objection. The examination proposed under the Bill was of the simplest character, and would be held locally; and he believed the Bill had the approval of the fishing interest at all the large ports.

THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY said, that so far as he could see the examination of the skippers of these boats would be as great as that of captains of merchant vessels, and that did not seem to be a very common-sense arrangement. As nobody on the Ministerial Bench, not even the First Lord of the Admiralty, appeared to have the slightest notion of what the Bill was intended to effect, it was hardly decent to proceed with the measure.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE for INDIA (The Earl of KIMBERLEY) confessed that he had no information on the subject upon which the Bill dealt, and considered it would be better to withdraw it.

Order *discharged.*

PROBATION OF FIRST OFFENDERS BILL.—(No. 185.)

(*The Earl of Belmore.*)

SECOND READING.

Order of the Day for the Second Reading read.

THE EARL OF BELMORE, in moving that the Bill be now read a second time, said, the experiment proposed by that Bill had been tried with great success in America, and he also learned that the Government of two of our most important Colonies—Victoria and New Zealand—had come to a conclusion in favour of legislation of that kind. He understood that that Bill had passed through the House of Commons with universal assent and without any amendment; and also that the measure was approved by persons who took an interest in philanthropic enterprizes. The hon. Member who had charge of the Bill in the other House had received a letter from Mr. Hill, a gentleman who in the earlier part of his life had for 15 years held the office of Inspector of Prisons, and had thus gained much insight into the working of the Criminal Law in this country, stating that he felt sure that the Bill, if passed, would do much good. In conclusion, he hoped that their Lordships would pass the measure as readily as he understood that the House of Commons had done; and he now moved the second reading.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2^{a}."—(*The Earl of Belmore.*)

LORD SUDELEY (for the Home Department) said, he hoped that their Lordships would not consent to the second reading of that Bill. There could be no doubt that if the measure was passed it would be absolutely necessary to have a very large increase of the Police Force throughout the Kingdom. It was not correct that the Bill was unanimously passed by the House of Commons. What happened in the other House was that the Bill was blocked, and that it passed through quite accidentally. The provisions proposed under the Bill involved very considerable alterations in working the Criminal Law; and it was quite evident that nothing of this kind should be done in a hurried manner. However good some of the provisions might be, it was due to the importance of the subject that close inquiry and investigation should take place before the Bill became law.

LORD HALSBURY said, he shared very much the desire that some provision of that character should pass into law; but it seemed to him that that Bill was absolutely unworkable and contained no machinery by which it could be carried out. It would, he thought, be an evil example for their Lordships to assent to a Bill deeply affecting the Criminal Law under those circumstances.

LORD FITZGERALD said, he hoped that the noble Lord would withdraw that Bill, which he agreed in thinking would be perfectly unworkable as it stood. If a well-considered measure which would carry out the same object was introduced in a future Session their Lordships would probably give it their support.

LORD ASHBOURNE sympathized entirely with the object of that Bill, and thought it might readily be put in a shape which would obtain the support of that House. A Public Department specially charged to look after such legislation could have brought forward any technical objections they thought proper to the form of the measure, and then it could have come before their Lordships in a satisfactory shape. He trusted that in a future Session the matter would be dealt with in such a way as would remove all objections.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Lord HERSCHELL) said, he concurred in thinking that it was impossible to pass that Bill in its present shape. He admitted it might be expedient in many cases to draw a sharp line between a first offence, as regarded the way in which it should be treated, and any subsequent offence. He was not himself in favour of limiting a measure of that description merely to the case of children; but if it was to be extended to adults at all, a great deal more guidance ought to be given to the tribunal than was to be found in that Bill. Clause 2 gave far too wide a discretion to all tribunals, because it applied to any Court of Summary Jurisdiction, which might impose such conditions as it thought right, having regard to the reformation of the offender—a very vague provision. If, as he hoped, the Bill was re-modelled and re-introduced on a subsequent occasion, it should contain greater guidance and more safeguards than were now included in it.

THE EARL OF KIMBERLEY said, that although the supervision of the police as exercised over prisoners sentenced to penal servitude formed a very useful part of our convict system, anyone who had paid attention to the subject knew that it was attended with considerable difficulties and some hardships. He did not believe that general police supervision throughout the country over all classes of criminals could be worked with advantage, and he hoped they would not lightly adopt such a system.

THE EARL OF DERBY said, he agreed in the observation as to police supervision, but was of opinion that it should be limited much more than it generally was to cases of the kind which had been alluded to. In the case of ordinary offences it did much more harm than good.

THE EARL OF BELMORE said, that after what had passed, he would not press the second reading.

Order *discharged.*

SHOP HOURS REGULATION BILL.

(*The Lord Sudeley.*)

(NO. 186.) COMMITTEE.

Order of the Day for the House to be put into Committee read.

Moved, "That the House do now resolve itself into Committee on the said Bill."—(*The Lord Sudeley.*)

THE EARL OF WEMYSS said, that the evidence which had been gathered relating to this subject had not been published, and their Lordships were not in a position to say whether the Bill had been founded on that evidence or not. The measure was an important one. It interfered to a great extent with the whole retail trade of the Kingdom, and would lead to the discharge of many *employés.* It fixed the hours during which persons were to be employed, but no machinery was provided by which its provisions could be carried out. When a measure of this kind was brought forward their Lordships ought to be in possession of the fullest information regarding its necessity. It was really indecent that a Bill of this importance should be shuffled through the House of Commons at the close of a Session and sent up to their Lordships without any means being afforded to judge of its necessity, and the evidence upon which it was based. He would not, however, oppose the Bill further on the present stage, but should move its rejection on the third reading.

LORD SUDELEY (for the Home Department) said, that the noble Earl appeared to be entirely opposed to the principle of the Bill, which he thought would interfere with the whole retail trade of the country. What this Bill really did was to carry still further the principle of the factory legislation amongst a class of workers who were not at present able to take care of themselves. So far as the retail trade was concerned the Bill had a very considerable support—not only amongst the employed, but the employers also. He would point out that a great many meetings had been held in favour of the Bill. The other day there was a great dinner given at which 600 shopkeepers supported the Bill. Their Lordships were aware that the noble Earl opposite (the Earl of Wemyss) was President of the Liberty and Property Defence League. A Colleague of the noble Earl's in the League was the noble and learned Lord (Lord Bramwell), and perhaps the noble Earl was not aware that at a large meeting in favour of the Bill that noble and learned Lord had attended and stated that this measure was of great social importance and ought to be passed.

The Earl of DERBY asked what machinery was to be provided in order to carry out the provisions of the Bill?

Lord SUDELEY said, there was no system of inspection provided in the Bill; but it was considered by the promoters of the measure and the Home Office that the effect of its being passed into law would be to produce a strong moral effect, and would be likely to cure the evil to a great extent. It must also be remembered that a large number of shopkeepers would, in their own interests, from a competitive point of view, be determined to see the law carried out. An Association for this purpose was already in existence, and would take very good care that no unfair advantage was gained in this respect. There was also a considerable fine in the Bill for the evasion of the law, and this, of course, any policeman could be the means of putting in force.

The Archbishop of CANTERBURY (Dr. Benson) said, he believed that the moral effect of the Bill would be considerable indeed. There was a large number of tradesmen who were cruel to the young people in their shops through carelessness and thoughtlessness. Owing to a lack of real concern for the welfare of their workpeople these employers pressed them on day after day. If it were authoritatively put before these employers that they must not employ their young people more than 74 hours a-week, he believed that a very large number who now employed their servants longer would cease to do so. The class of persons in whose interests the Bill was promoted was probably the most defenceless class they had among them. They were most subject to the will and the caprices of those on whom they were wholly dependent for their bread. He was, however, able to bear witness to the fact that a large number of tradesmen in many of their great towns were eager for the passing of the Bill. Very many shopkeepers would employ their servants for a less length of time if they could, and they could if only they were free from the competition of those who would not consent to the same terms. He was sure that a majority of tradesmen were desirous to do this. He did not think that this was a case in which Inspectors were necessary. Experience of the working of the Act for a year or two would show what kind of machinery was needed; but it would be premature now to say that Inspectors were necessary. Inspection did not seem to him to be the right way of beginning. The pressure of each other's opinion backed by this law would call for the right machinery. It was not a matter affecting so much the retail trade of the country as the life and health and usefulness of a large number of human beings.

The Marquess of SALISBURY said, he sympathized with the tone of the most rev. Prelate. He believed the principle of this Bill in its broadest sense was sound—namely, that it was their duty to protect young people who could not protect themselves. That was a principle enshrined in their law, and was not, he should imagine, a subject of dispute. But he could not admit that the excellent object of the Bill was any excuse for the slovenly form in which the Bill had been brought before the House. It was a Bill which had no practical effect whatever. The most rev. Prelate represented the Bill as in the nature of a moral lesson. Moral lessons were the business of the most rev. Prelate, but were not the business of the two Houses of Parliament. He objected to the Bill because if any person was not inclined to look into it for a moral lesson, but to take it as a law, he would be puzzled by it. When he was told that young persons should not be employed in or about a shop for more than 74 hours in the week, including meal times, he was inclined to ask what meal times did they mean to include? Were the meal times on Sunday to be deducted? With regard to the refreshment rooms at railway stations, the persons employed must be in or about them all the time because they lived at the stations. He did not think their Lordships ought to pass such a piece of slovenly workmanship. If the Government wished the Bill should pass they ought to have used some efforts to put it in a shape more suitable for passing into law.

THE DUKE OF ARGYLL wished to take that opportunity of expressing a very emphatic approbation of the general principle of the Bill, which, as the noble Marquess had observed, had been enshrined for many years in the legislation of the country. That principle seemed perfectly clear—that when life, health, and morals were concerned Parliament had a right to interfere; and life, health, and morals were concerned where young persons were employed for an excessive number of hours. As to the objection on the score of the defective machinery of the Bill, it ought to be remembered that many shopkeepers had actually applied to Parliament to put them under universal compulsion, because as individuals they could not adopt it. If this Bill was passed, the result would be that there would be a large number of persons all over the country interested in seeing that the law was obeyed. He believed that by means of voluntary Associations, some of which had started and were in operation, the law would be carried into effect better than by police inspection. He hoped his noble Friend on the Cross Benches would not oppose the Bill on its further stages, and that it would pass their Lordships' House.

Motion *agreed to:* House in Committee accordingly.

Clause 1 (Short title) *agreed to.*

Clause 2 (Commencement of Act).

EARL BEAUCHAMP said, he thought it would be well that they should see how the Bill worked after a few years, and therefore he would move to add at the end of the clause the words—

"To operate until the end of 1888 and to the end of the then next Session of Parliament."

New Clause:—

"This Bill shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, or the end of the then next session of Parliament, and no longer."—(*The Earl Beauchamp.*)

LORD SUDELEY, on the part of the Government, said, there was no objection to the Amendment.

Amendment *agreed to.*

Clause, as amended, *agreed to.*

Clause 3 (Hours of employment in shops) *agreed to.*

Clause 4 (Notice of hours to be given).

THE EARL OF WEMYSS said, that it was absurd that a man should be required to stick up the number of hours in his window, and he would therefore move that the clause be struck out.

Moved, "To strike out Clause 4."—(*The Earl of Wemyss.*)

THE EARL OF KIMBERLEY asked whether it was such a dreadful thing that a man should be required to put up the number of hours?

THE BISHOP OF CARLISLE (Dr. GOODWIN) said, it might serve a good purpose.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR said, that there was some difficulty as to whether the words in the clause meant the time of day or the length of the hours allowed.

LORD ABERDARE observed, that the Factory Acts provided for the variation of hours, and he thought that it was reasonable that in this Bill there should be some rule providing for a similar variation in the business hours for shops.

LORD ASHBOURNE thought that it would be better to invent a new section than to tinker at the present one. He would suggest a short section providing that a notice should be hung in the shop referring to the Act and its principal provisions, and, in particular, saying that *employés* should not have more than 74 hours a-week of work.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Lord HERSCHELL) remarked, that the Bill was not a Government measure, although the Government had given it benevolent assistance. He thought that, perhaps, a better course would be to introduce a provision to the effect that in every shop there should be hung up a statement of the number of hours.

THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY suggested that, as there seemed to be great uncertainty as to the meaning of this clause, it would be better to drop it.

Clause (by leave of the House) *withdrawn.*

Clauses 5 to 7, inclusive, *agreed to.*

Clause 8 (Interpretation).

THE EARL OF LIMERICK said, he rose to move an Amendment to exclude licensed houses and places of refreshment from the scope of the Bill. Those interested in such establishments had had no reason to suppose that they were going to be included in the action of this Bill until it had reached a late stage, nor had they been among the witnesses examined before the Committee. Even if it were desirable to include them in this Bill, he thought that they ought to have an opportunity of being heard. He had received a letter from a gentleman who represented some of the largest hotels and refreshment places in London, stating that the effect of the passing of this Bill as it stood would be absolutely the dismissing of every young person under 18 in their employment. They all knew that a number of boys were employed in large hotels at all hours of the day, very often waiting to be sent on messages more than actually working, but who would, nevertheless, come under the operation of this clause, and would thus be cast out of a respectable employment. It was only owing to having had this matter thus put before him that he had ventured to propose this Amendment. He thought that the large industries affected by this clause had hardly been treated fairly. To leave out these establishments from the scope of the Bill did not materially affect the principle of the Bill, and it would be easy to deal with them in a separate Bill in the next Parliament after the persons concerned had had an opportunity of expressing their opinions.

Amendment *moved,*

In page 2, line 22, leave out ("and includes licensed public houses and refreshment houses of any kind.")—(*The Earl of Limerick.*)

THE BISHOP OF TRURO (Dr. WILKINSON) said, he could not agree with what had been urged by the noble Earl. He thought that they were especially bound to protect young persons under 18 years of age in licensed houses and places of refreshment. With reference to what had been said by the noble Marquess (the Marquess of Salisbury), he would express a hope that moral lessons would not only be given by the Episcopal Members of the House, but also by the other Members. He thought their Lordships read a moral lesson to the House of Commons in the way in which they dealt with the Criminal Law Amendment Bill.

THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY said, he did not wish to be misunderstood. He certainly never meant to say that the House or its Members ought not to read moral lessons to any who might benefit by them; but Acts of Parliament and sermons were two different kinds of composition, and he objected to Acts of Parliament which read only a moral lesson.

LORD ABERDARE said, that the argument that the Bill would lead to a number of young persons being thrown out of employment had been urged at the time of the Factory Acts; but experience showed that employers adapted their arrangements to the law.

THE EARL OF LIMERICK said, he would press his Amendment to a division.

On Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause? Their Lordsips *divided*:—Contents 20; Not-Contents 5: Majority 15.

The Report of the Amendments to be received *To-morrow*, and Standing Order No. XXXV. to be considered in order to its being dispensed with: Bill to be *printed* as amended. (No. 199.)

INTOXICATING LIQUORS (SALE TO CHILDREN) BILL.—(No. 176.)

(*The Earl of Milltown.*)

SECOND READING.

Order of the Day for the Second Reading read.

LORD FITZGERALD, in moving that the Bill be now read a second time, explained that the object of the measure was to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors to children under 13 years of age for their own consumption.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2^{a}." (*The Lord FitzGerald.*)

Lord HARRIS asked whether a publican who supplied liquor to a parent who gave it to his children would not be subject to the penalty?

Lord FITZGERALD said, the Bill was only directed against the sale of drink to children for their own consumption.

The Marquess of SALISBURY said, that the sale to children of cider as well as beer would be prohibited by this extraordinary legislation. He remembered, when 12 years of age, often pulling up the river to Surley Hall and committing what, in the case of boys under 13, would now become the enormity of drinking cider to quench his thirst. Although the measure was an extraordinary one, it was not worthy of serious opposition, because he did not suppose that anyone would pay any attention to it if it were passed.

Motion *agreed to:* Bill read 2^{a} accordingly, and *committed* to a Committee of the Whole House *To-morrow*, and Standing Order No. XXXV. to be considered in order to its being dispensed with.

POST OFFICE (IRELAND)—NIGHT MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.—QUESTION.

The Earl of LONGFORD (for the Earl of Belmore) asked the Postmaster General, Whether he had considered the possibility of sending the night mails from Enniskillen to England, Scotland, Dublin, &c., by rail, instead of, as at present, by road *viâ* Omagh; and whether he could state what would be the additional cost?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Lord Wolverton) said, that he hoped to have been able to give the noble Earl a final answer to his Question; but the terms demanded by the Railway Company for the performance of the new service had hitherto been such as to preclude a favourable consideration of the arrangement. He had, however, made a counter offer to the Company, which he trusted the Directors would see their way to accept.

POST OFFICE—MAIL SERVICE TO CHINA BY CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.—QUESTION.

The Earl of HARROWBY asked the Postmaster General, Whether any decision had been arrived at by Her Majesty's Government as to the proposal from Canada for a British mail service from Liverpool to China, Japan, and India, by the route of the Canadian Pacific Railway?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Lord Wolverton) said, that the question, which was one of great importance, had been under the consideration of an Inter-Departmental Committee, which had not, as yet, reported. He could not, therefore, answer the Question of the noble Earl.

PALACE OF WESTMINSTER—VENTILATION OF THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.—QUESTION.

The Earl of LONGFORD asked the First Commissioner of Works, Whether a design for the construction and ventilation of the sewers of the Houses of Parliament, submitted by Mr. H. R. Newton to Her Majesty's Government, had been brought under the notice of the authority in charge of the drainage arrangements?

The FIRST COMMISSIONER (The Earl of Elgin), in reply, said, that he had received a very long letter from Mr. Newton with reference to the construction and ventilation of the sewers of the Houses, and that he would take its contents into consideration in conjunction with the suggestions of the Committee appointed by the other House to report upon the whole subject.

House adjourned at a quarter past
Eight o'clock, till To-morrow,
Three o'clock.

HOUSE OF LORDS,

Wednesday, 23rd *June,* 1886.

MINUTES.]—Public Bills—*Committee—Report—Third Reading*—Intoxicating Liquors (Sale to Children) * (176), and *passed.*

Select Committee—Report—Parish Churches [No. 201].

Report—Third Reading—Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers) Act (1875) Amendment * (162); Land Tax Commissioners' Names * (165); Returning Officers' Charges (Scotland) * (173); Tithe Rent-Charge (Extraordinary) Redemption (174); Westminster Abbey Restoration * (183); Shop Hours Regulation (199-204).

Third Reading—Medical Acts Amendment * (187); Customs * (175); Revising Barristers'

Appointment * (179); Revising Barristers (Ireland) * (180); Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) * (181); Public Works Loans (Tramways Ireland) * (182); Consolidated Fund (Appropriation); Public Works Loans * (188), and *passed.*

Provisional Order Bills—*Second Reading* — Local Government (No. 4) * (171).

Committee— *Third Reading*—Gas and Water * (136), and *passed.*

TITHE RENT-CHARGE (EXTRAORDINARY) REDEMPTION BILL.

(*The Lord Sudeley.*)

(NO. 193.) REPORT.

Order of the Day for receiving the Report of the Amendments read.

Moved, "That the said Report be now received."—(*The Lord Sudeley.*)

Lord HARRIS said, that Clause 9, as originally framed, provided that certain fees should be paid in equal proportions by the titheowner and the landowner; but yesterday morning there was a meeting at the Home Office, at which the right rev. Prelate (the Bishop of Peterborough), and the noble Lord opposite (Lord Sudeley) were present, and the result was that the noble Lord (Lord Sudeley) came down to the House last evening and proposed many Amendments to the Bill, which had set aside the compromise which had been arrived at under which the expenses of carrying out the provisions of the Bill were to be equally divided between the titheowner and the landowner. The whole of those expenses were now thrown upon the landowner, while it was left open to the Land Commissioners to fix any scale of fees they might think proper. He was told that if he asked their Lordships to support him in restoring the clause to its original form he would imperil the passing of the Bill, and, therefore, he did not intend to divide the House upon the point, as he desired that the disgraceful scenes of riot and agitation which had arisen out of this question should not be renewed. He was anxious, however, to call their Lordships' attention to the way in which Bills were manipulated in a hurried manner in the last moments of a moribund Parliament. The measure provided that whether the crop which was the subject of extraordinary tithe was grown or not in the future the landowner should pay the extraordinary tithe just the same. He did not think that it was a wise act on the part of the representatives of the Church to throw the whole of these charges upon the landowner.

Lord SUDELEY desired to explain the exact position of this Amendment. The House would remember that, owing to the difficulties which were raised on the second reading, arrangements were made to hold a meeting of all interested in the subject at the Home Office yesterday. Amongst the Amendments which were agreed to was this proposal—namely, that the landowners should pay the expenses incurred by the Commissioners in carrying out the provisions of the Bill. He would not attempt to argue with the noble Lord as to whether the landowners or the titheholders would benefit most by the Bill, as there was considerable difference of opinion on this head; but, at any rate, it should be remembered, so far as the clergy were concerned, that little doubt existed that for a certain time their incomes would be diminished, although eventually they might be the gainers by the charge being made permanent. The important point, however, was this—that when the matter came to be inquired into, it was found that in the Tithe Commutation Act, which was a proper precedent to follow, it was the landowners who had to pay the expenses of carrying out the apportionment. If their Lordships would refer to 6 & 7 *Will* IV. c. 71 s. 74, they would find it provided that such expenses—

> "Shall be borne and paid by the landowners and titheowners interested in the said award in such proportion, time, and manner as the Commissioners or Assistant Commissioners shall direct."

The Land Commissioners were strongly of the opinion that this precedent ought to be followed in the present case; and it was mainly on their recommendation that this proposal had been adopted. It must be borne in mind that, as he had stated the previous night, this was not a Government Bill, and that they had only taken charge of it to forward what they believed to be a fair compromise on behalf of all parties concerned.

Viscount CRANBROOK said, he was glad that his noble Friend did not intend to divide the House; but he must join in the protest against the unreasonable way in which that Bill had been brought before their Lordships. It came up to them in such a manner that no Amendments in it could be properly considered. For his own part, he passively submitted in this case to what had taken place; but he thought that the measure ought to have reached them at an earlier period of the Session. They had not even before them the evidence taken by the Select Committee of the other House on the subject, and their Lordships were putting themselves too much in the position of a mere Registry of the decrees of the House of Commons; and they ought to be careful how they gave further encouragement to that tendency. He was, however, aware that the evils connected with the collection of extraordinary tithe had been great under the present state of things; and, hoping that that measure might lead to peace and cause no great diminution of income to the clergy, as a landowner he was ready to submit to its passing.

Motion *agreed to.*

Amendment *reported* (according to order); further Amendments made: Then Standing Order No. XXXV. *considered* (according to order) and *dispensed with:* Bill read 3ª, with the Amendments, and *passed*, and sent to the Commons; and to be *printed* as amended. (No. 203.)

SHOP HOURS REGULATION BILL.

(*The Lord Sudeley.*)

(NO. 199.) REPORT.

Order of the Day for receiving the Report of the Amendments read.

Moved, "That the said Report be now received."—(*The Lord Sudeley.*)

THE EARL OF WEMYSS, in rising to move, as an Amendment—

> "That it is not desirable to proceed further with this Bill until the evidence upon the subject taken by the Select Committee of the House of Commons has been communicated to this House,"

said, that that measure had been brought before their Lordships under such circumstances and in such a way that, considering the importance of the subject, as affecting the retail trade of the whole Kingdom, it was not desirable that the Bill should now proceed further. It had been hurried through the other House at the close of the Session; it stood for a second reading by their Lordships before most of them had even seen it in print; it was presented to them without their having had an opportunity of seeing the evidence upon which it rested; and they were now asked to rush it through in the last hours of an expiring Parliament. The Bill, if passed, could only be carried out by a system of espionage; he believed that it was unworkable, and that those who were pushing it forward knew that it was unworkable, but they hoped when it was found to be so that they would be able to insist on dealing with adult labour by the same kind of legislation as they now sought to deal with the labour of young persons. A main reason for the existence of the House of Lords was that it should be a check on crude and hasty legislation. The country would be disappointed if the Lords did not act as a Court of Appeal on legislation of this character, and insist that full knowledge and time should be given for the consideration of a Bill of such a grave character. The agitation on this subject had been organized by Mr. Sutherst, standing counsel to the Salvation Army, and its object was, not to limit the hours of labour of persons below 18, but "effectually to reduce the hours of labour in shops and similar places." That meant the shutting up of shops and interfering with adult male labour, which was a new principle. If their Lordships passed this Bill in its present crude form, and without any prospect of its being brought into actual operation, they would before the end of next Session have a Bill to regulate all labour in shops. That would be an intolerable tyranny, an intolerable interference with the trade of this country. When he and those who agreed with him raised this question they were met by moral lessons from the Episcopal Bench and from a lay Bishop, the noble Duke (the Duke of Argyll), and were told that the principle of the Bill was in the Factory Acts. But their Lordships ought to have before them the evidence upon which the measure rested. The Chairman of the Shopkeepers' Defence Association wrote to him to say that though over 60 witnesses had been examined before the Committee of the House of Commons, only seven were examined on the side he represented. The probability, therefore, was that if the evidence was before their Lordships they would find it to be unsatisfactory. The Committee was not unanimous. A counter Report was drafted and laid before the Committee by Sir James Fergusson, in which it was stated that some of the witnesses expressed a willingness to accept the Bill as a step in the right direction. His experience was that steps in the right direction were strides in the wrong. The conclusion to which Sir James Fergusson came was that the evils complained of were not so great as to require a legislative remedy. The Factory Inspectors themselves said that the Factory Acts had no bearing on the labour employed in shops. He was not opposed to the principle of the Bill, but he looked to its practical effect. He did not believe that this Bill would be good for the young people themselves. Practically, kindly feeling, philanthropy, and the pressure of public opinion were effecting all that the Bill aimed at. The noble Earl concluded by moving the Amendment which stood in his name.

Amendment *moved*,

To leave out all the words after ("That") and insert ("it is not desirable to proceed farther with this Bill until the evidence upon the subject taken before the Select Committee of the House of Commons has been communicated to this House.")—(*The Earl of Wemyss.*)

Lord ELLENBOROUGH said, that he objected to the Bill because its effect would be to close shops in poor districts at times when they were now kept open to suit the needs of the inhabitants.

The Duke of ARGYLL said, that the noble Earl (the Earl of Wemyss) had referred to him as a member of a Society for promoting the objects of this Bill. He had not been a member of that Society, because he had made it a rule in his public life never to join any Society whatever of a political character, for he had ascertained that membership of such a Society almost always converted a man, otherwise sensible, into a fanatic. For that reason it would have been better if his noble Friend had not joined and become Chairman of another Society, for in his speech that night his noble Friend had shown himself to be a lay fanatic. Although he knew nothing of the Society to which the noble Earl had referred, he did know something of the Gentleman who was in charge of this Bill in "another place" —Sir John Lubbock. He was one of the most eminent men in the country, and by no means a man who would take up a measure of this kind from any feeling of fanaticism, but one who would deal calmly and coolly with the evidence before him. The noble Earl denounced the principle of this Bill, denying that it had any analogy to the Factory Acts. To his mind the Bill contained exactly the same principle as the Factory Acts. Every large shop might become a factory, though, no doubt, it was an extension of the principle of factory legislation to apply it to shops. The question was whether the evidence before them justified that extension.

The Earl of WEMYSS: There is no evidence.

The Duke of ARGYLL: Although they had not the evidence taken by the Select Committee of the House of Commons before them, they knew perfectly well, from the discussions which had taken place in the public Press, that the attendance of young persons, and especially of young women and girls in shops, was sometimes very great indeed and most injurious. Under these circumstances, he trusted that their Lordships would not be induced by the somewhat fanatical denunciations of the noble Earl to reject the Bill.

The Marquess of SALISBURY wished to say that he was guided in this matter by the principle which he enunciated last night. The principle of this Bill was sound. It was a principle which had again and again been sanctioned by the Legislature, and he did not feel justified in rejecting a Bill of which the principle was sound unless some specific evil or inconvenience could be shown to be likely to result from it. In the present case no evil or inconvenience had been shown as likely to be produced by the Bill, and, therefore, in his opinion, there was no ground for rejecting the measure.

On Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Motion? *Resolved* in the *Affirmative:* Amendments *reported* accordingly.

Standing Order No. XXXV. *considered* (according to order), and *dispensed with:* Bill read 3ª, with the Amendments, and *passed*, and sent to the Commons; and to be *printed* as amended. (No. 204.)

INTOXICATING LIQUORS (SALE TO CHILDREN) BILL.—(No. 176.)

(*The Earl of Milltown.*)

COMMITTEE.

House in Committee (according to order).

Clause 1 (Sale of liquors to children to be illegal).

Amendment *moved*, in page 1, line 8, leave out ("supplies") and insert ("sells").—(*The Earl of Milltown.*)

The Marquess of SALISBURY said, he did not think that the Bill would increase the admiration which was felt for such specimens of legislation as that under consideration; but he thought the Amendment now proposed would meet objections which were felt in many quarters to the Bill, and, therefore, he did not propose to offer any opposition to its passing.

The Bishop of PETERBOROUGH (Dr. Magee) said, that while he was as strongly in favour of temperance as anyone could possibly be, yet he deprecated polemical legislation of the kind, and the passing of laws to enforce morality by means of severe penalties. He was aware of the obloquy to which he had exposed himself on previous occasions by advocating that view; but he felt bound to express his extreme objection to legislation which connived at promoting morality by penal enactment. It was not the duty of the State to enforce religion or morality by statute. He thought it a perilous course, and feared they were coming to a time in which more and more legislation of that character would be attempted. Without saying that the State could never so interfere with advantage he thought the circumstances were rare, much rarer than was commonly supposed, when it could safely act in that way. The enforcement of morality by penalty was open to two great dangers. If they made the penalties severe they would be likely to lead to a violent reaction in the direction of immorality. If they remembered how the attempts to force religion on people in the time of the Puritans led to the laxity which prevailed under the Restoration, they could not feel much encouraged to proceed on similar lines to any great extent. There was another serious danger also. The attempt of the State to enforce moral precepts by law would be likely to destroy the self-restraint of individuals, by teaching them to rely upon the State for that which every individual should do from his own sense of right. He confessed that he felt that the effect of carrying prohibitive legislation to the extent of the Bill before the House would be far different from what the promoters anticipated. History, he believed, showed that most of the great evils from which society had suffered had resulted from the State trying to do the work which the Church should have done, and also from the Church's attempting to do that which should have been done by the State; and he feared they were now doing many things by the State which ought to be left to the Church. That was not the first occasion in which he had upheld a reasonable and common-sense policy in opposition to purely fanatical views. He, nevertheless, believed that a man was more safe in kicking over a hornet's nest than in encountering a fanatic.

Lord ABERDARE observed, that the right rev. Prelate might have gone a little further and said whether he opposed all legislative efforts in the direction of the promotion of temperance. The question before the House was whether young children were to be supplied with drink for their own consumption.

Viscount CRANBROOK said, that that was just what the Bill did not prevent. What it did prevent, however, was children fetching beer in their own jugs for the use of their parents, who, being poor people, did not keep servants and who were unable to fetch it themselves.

The LORD CHANCELLOR (Lord Herschell) supported the Amendment, pointing out that the clause as it stood in the Bill would render possible the prosecution of an hotel waiter who should pour out a glass of wine for a child at the bidding of the parent.

The Duke of ARGYLL said, he believed the great evil existed both in England and Scotland in sending young children to public-houses to get spirits. He did not agree with the view expressed by his right rev. Friend (the Bishop of Peterborough) as to the intention of Parliament in promoting legislation of this sort. The object of Parliament in passing some of these measures was for the protection of society against one of its greatest dangers. With respect to the Bill now before their Lordships, however, so far as he read it, it would be a very ineffective measure. There was no machinery whatever by which the public could test the intention of the child. The object aimed at by the Bill, however, was fairly open to the consideration of Parliament.

In answer to Viscount CRANBROOK,

THE LORD CHANCELLOR expressed the opinion that prosecutions would only be successful in cases in which liquor was supplied to children and consumed by them on the premises. What the promoters of the measure desired was to prevent children from "tippling" in public-houses.

THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY thought that words ought to be inserted declaring that to constitute an offence the consumption of the liquor must be permitted on the premises.

Amendment *agreed to.*

Standing Order No. XXXV. *considered* (according to order), and *dispensed with:* Amendments *reported:* Bill read 3ª, with the amendments, and *passed,* and sent to the Commons; and to be *printed* as amended. (No. 205.)

LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—(No. 198.)

(*The Lord FitzGerald.*)

Commons reasons for disagreeing to some of the Lords amendments *considered* (according to order).

Commons reasons for disagreeing to amendments made by the Lords as far as the amendment in page 4, line 40, read.

Moved, "That this House doth not insist on the amendments to which the Commons have disagreed."—(*The Lord FitzGerald.*)

Motion *agreed to.*

LORD FITZGERALD said, he wished also to move that the House do not insist on its Amendment cutting out Clause 11, which gave compulsory powers of purchase. This clause was the backbone of the Bill, and if its omission was insisted on it would lead to its promoters abandoning the Bill altogether.

The Duke of Argyll

Moved, "That this House doth not insist on the omission of Clause 11."—(*The Lord FitzGerald.*)

LORD ASHBOURNE said, he was desirous of seeing this Bill pass, which improved the machinery of the previous Labourers Act, and with that view he had not asked the House to insist on other Amendments. But this Clause 11 was one that there had been difficulty in accepting, as it sought to amend legislation which had only been granted last August, and which had hardly been tried. His noble and learned Friend had not stated that in any single part of Ireland there had been any difficulty in getting all the land that was asked for or required by simple agreement. When the Bill was before the House on a former occasion his noble Friend behind him stated that when asked to give by agreement some land near the town of Longford he at once consented, but he never heard anything more of the matter. It ought to be shown that all the means of getting land by agreement had been exhausted before they were asked to resort to compulsion.

THE EARL OF BELMORE said, that those who took an interest in the matter were unwilling to stop the Bill. They were content to move some Amendments in order to make the clause more precise. He would propose an Amendment to the effect that all reasonable efforts should be made to obtain the amount of land in the same locality by agreement or exchange.

LORD FITZGERALD said, that he would accept the Amendment of the noble Earl.

Amendment (*The Earl of Belmore*) *agreed to.*

THE EARL OF LONGFORD proposed that a Provisional Order on this subject should not take effect until it had been confirmed by Act of Parliament.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA (The Earl of KIMBERLEY) hoped that the noble Earl would not insist on moving that Amendment, seeing the great trouble and expense which would be imposed on persons if they were obliged to come over to Parliament.

THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY said, that the clause was of a very exceptional character, and it was very important that Parliament should retain in its own hands the power of deciding whether that great and unusual authority was exercised properly or not. They knew that there were social difficulties in Ireland which might make Local Authorities not so unwilling as they otherwise would be to sanction plans which might be oppressive to individuals.

The Earl of LONGFORD said, that it would not be necessary that every case should be fought out in Parliament; in fact, Provisional Orders were very rarely disputed.

Lord FITZGERALD said, that the provision of the Act which required persons to come to Parliament had been deliberately given up, and the sanction of the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council had been deliberately substituted as a sufficient protection.

Amendment (*The Earl of Longford*) (by leave of the House) *withdrawn.*

On Question, "That this House doth not insist on the omission of Clause 11?"

Resolved in the *affirmative.*

Bill returned to the Commons, with the amendments.

PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885.

Return of proceedings under the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885, up to and including 31st May 1886: Ordered to be laid before the House.—(*The Lord Ashbourne.*)

House adjourned at half past Five o'clock, till To-morrow, a quarter past Ten o'clock.

HOUSE OF LORDS,

Thursday, 24th June, 1886.

MINUTES.] — Public Bills — *Report — Committee — Third Reading* — Peterhead Harbour of Refuge * (166), and *passed.*

Select Committee — Report — Hyde Park Corner (New Streets).

Provisional Order Bill — *Committee — Report — Third Reading* — Local Government (No. 4) * (171), and *passed.*

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT—REDUNDANT COLLECTORS.—QUESTION.

The Earl of LIMERICK asked Her Majesty's Government, Whether the whole of the redundant collectors of Customs were provided for; and whether the promotion of the collectors generally would now go on in the regular course?

The PAYMASTER GENERAL (Lord Thurlow), in reply, said, that the matter, involving conflicting claims of long standing, was a highly technical one, and had been very fully gone into both by the Customs Department and the Treasury with the view of endeavouring to satisfy all those who were affected by it. It had been found impossible to lay down any general rule, and it was therefore necessary to deal with each individual case upon its own merits; but he hoped that in a short time provisions would be made which would be satisfactory to all parties concerned.

CALSHOT CASTLE.—QUESTION.

Viscount BARRINGTON asked Her Majesty's Government, Whether, as reported, it was proposed to mutilate or destroy Calshot Castle; and, if so, whether the evidence upon which the destruction of so ancient a monument had been decided upon could be laid before this House previous to carrying out so unnecessary an act?

The UNDER SECRETARY of STATE for WAR (Lord Sandhurst) said, he could give the noble Viscount the assurance that no alteration whatever in regard to Calshot Castle was in contemplation.

PRISONS (SCOTLAND)—STIRLING PRISON.—QUESTION.

The Earl of MAR and KELLIE asked the Secretary for Scotland, Whether it was the intention of the Prison Commissioners for Scotland to close the prison at Stirling on the 30th instant; and, if so, whether this step could be delayed until the opinion of the Local Authorities had been expressed on the subject?

The SECRETARY for SCOTLAND (The Earl of Dalhousie) said, the Local Authorities had, perhaps, some reason to complain in this case. Representations had been made to the Government on the subject; but he was not in a position to say anything further than that the prison would not be closed before the end of next month.

Lord BALFOUR maintained that in respect of the policy of the Act of 1877 the closing of this prison was a wholly new departure. It was the case of a prison being closed which was situated in a town where certain Courts were held. Stirling was the headquarters of a Circuit, and it might be necessary to have a prison in Stirling. On no occasion had a prison been closed in a town where Circuit Courts were held. He wished to ask the noble Earl whether he was sure that the course he was taking in this matter was legal? He, for his part, held that it was illegal. The only section in the Act which provided for the closing of the prison was the 14th section, and it stated that after a prison had been closed, and after the £120 for each prisoner had been paid to the Government in respect of contributions it might make to the prison, the surplus should be handed over to the public authorities. The prison should be put up to auction, and the price obtained handed over to the county authorities. The noble Earl and the Secretary of State for War had arranged to hand over the prison to the War Office for the use of the nation, thereby depriving the county of Stirling of about £6,000. The value of the prison was about £12,000; and, in addition to the confiscation of this sum of £6,000, the burden of the local ratepayer would be increased, because the locality would have to provide two or three constables in order to make up for the abstraction of the constables engaged in conveying the prisoners backwards and forwards to Edinburgh and Glasgow. Besides, this journeying on the part of the prisoners was an unfair addition to the punishment of the prisoners. This new departure of the Government was a high-handed and unfair proceeding, and he hoped the noble Earl would say that he would not close the prison until at least the end of the present year. He thought the action also of the Prison Commissioners was authoritative and most unjust, and would result in great injury to Stirling, Clackmannan, and Perthshire.

The Earl of DALHOUSIE said, he was afraid that he could not assent to the suggestion of the noble Lord. The doubts which the noble Lord had expressed as to the closing of the prison had already been represented to him, and the Scottish Department were engaged in taking legal opinion on the matter. He assured the noble Lord that the Scottish Department would not act in the matter without clear grounds for doing so. Stirling Prison was on the list of prisons intended to be closed, as it was originally made out shortly after the Act was passed. Therefore, he denied that the Government were following any new policy in regard to this question.

METROPOLITAN IMPROVEMENTS—HYDE PARK CORNER.

OBSERVATIONS.

Moved, "That the House do adjourn during pleasure."—(*The Earl Spencer.*)

Earl FORTESCUE said, he rose to call attention to the improvements at Hyde Park Corner. He complained that the beauty of Hyde Park Corner had been marred by the hasty manner in which a late First Commissioner of Works (Mr. Shaw Lefevre) had carried out the work. He directed the attention of their Lordships especially to the practical inconvenience which arose from leaving Piccadilly so narrow opposite the entrance to Hamilton Place. If an additional 18 feet of width had been left at that spot the inconvenient blocking of the traffic would have been avoided. The traffic in that neighbourhood was increasing year by year, and he thought it was highly desirable that something should be done to obviate the continual blocks which were occurring.

PARLIAMENT—THE DISSOLUTION.

OBSERVATIONS.

Lord DENMAN said, he had to complain that Parliament, six months after the General Election, should be dissolved. If a different step had been taken by the present Government they might have avoided a Winter Session. It had been said that this Dissolution was inevitable; but his late noble and learned Relative used to say—"If a thing be declared impossible it will happen in a fortnight." What was declared "inevitable" was quite avoidable. A Dissolution would not only interfere with the harvest, but also with the London season, and with everything that had to be discussed. The Women's Suffrage Bill stood in "another place" for June 30, and the Bill in this House for July 8. The Butter Substitutes (Regulation of Sale) Bill was also delayed, and it was meant to alleviate a competition by which farmers were almost ruined. He (Lord Denman) believed that if Her Majesty had been advised to allow Parliament to be adjourned instead of "dissolved" the people would have been deeply grateful. The noble Earl on the Cross Benches (the Earl of Wemyss) had in 1884 induced above 30 Members of their Lordships' House to promise to stay from the 15th of July till the time needed for the finishing of all Business; but the 10th of July cut all Business short. He (Lord Denman) remarked that letters had been written by Peers naming certain candidates; but in the 3rd Volume of *Hatsell's Precedents*, page 63, there was the case of the Bishop of Carlisle brought before the House of Commons, and the right rev. Prelate was sharply censured as a Peer for expressing his wish in a letter as to one candidate. He named this, as it might embarass an Election Judge very much to decide what weight should be given to a mere Resolution of one House of Parliament. He had been very anxious to avoid seeming to dictate to the good sense of the electors relied upon by Her Majesty, and had last year written to a noble Lord, a near neighbour of his, not to be chairman of a meeting in Haddington.

THE EARL OF WEMYSS: Who?

LORD DENMAN said, the Marquess of Tweeddale advertised to hear a speech by a right hon. Gentleman, a candidate for a division of Edinburgh. That was supposed by the noble Marquess not to be irregular; but in his speech the right hon. Gentleman attacked Lord Elcho, then a candidate for Haddingtonshire, without being called to Order. He (Lord Denman) hoped that this interference would be very rare at any future Election.

THE EARL OF FEVERSHAM said, he joined in the protest of the noble Lord. He observed that some remarks had been made as to the interference by Peers in a Parliamentary Election constituting a breach of the Privileges of the other House; but it seemed to have been overlooked that the noble Earl the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs had himself set an example, by taking a prominent part in the election of the Prime Minister for Mid Lothian in 1880. He wished to call their Lordships' attention to the unusual state of affairs. The Marquess of Hartington in his address called this a "premature Dissolution." It was a premature Dissolution; and he ventured to say that no precedent could be adduced for dissolving a Parliament within six months of a General Election under circumstances like the present. The people of the country were appealed to by the Prime Minister, and yet he had placed no tangible and accurate statement of policy before them. He considered the Dissolution might be regarded in the light of a personal *plébiscite.* It was a dangerous, he would almost say an unconstitutional, precedent. There was no necessity for it. The Government might have tendered their resignation, and Her Majesty might have had an opportunity of calling other Advisers to her councils. There was a large section represented by Lord Hartington and others of the Liberal Party who might have been expected to take Office. At all events, the various Parties in the State had not been exhausted as regarded the formation of a Government.

Motion *agreed to:* House adjourned during pleasure; and resumed by The LORD CHANCELLOR.

LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

Returned from the Commons with several of amendments *agreed to*, and several *disagreed to*, together with a reason for such disagreement: The said reason *considered* (on Motion): *Moved* not to insist on the amendments to which the Commons have disagreed; on question, resolved in the *affirmative.*

SEA FISHING BOATS (SCOTLAND) BILL [H.L.]

Returned from the Commons with the amendments to which the Lords have disagreed *not insisted on*, and the amendments made by the Lords to the amendments made by the Commons *agreed to.*

House adjourned at a quarter past Eight o'clock, till To-morrow a quarter past Ten o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

Thursday, 24*th June*, 1886.

The House met at Three of the clock.

MINUTES.]—SELECT COMMITTEE — *Report* — Town Holdings [No. 213]; Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons) [No. 243].

PRIVATE BILL (*by Order*) — *Third Reading*— Shanklin and Chale Railway (Extension to Freshwater) *put off.*

PUBLIC BILLS—*Second Reading—Committee—Report—Considered as amended—Third Reading* — Tramways Order in Council (Ireland) [292], and *passed.*

Third Reading—Municipal Franchise (Ireland) [9] [House counted out].

Provisional Order Bills—*Second Reading*—Local Government (No. 8) * [262]; Local Government (No. 9) * [263]; Local Government (No. 10) * [269]; Local Government (No. 11) * [277].

MOTIONS.

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BELFAST MAIN DRAINAGE BILL.

RESOLUTION.

Motion made, and Question proposed,

"That, in the case of the Belfast Main Drainage Bill, Standing Orders 243 and 247 be suspended."—(*Mr. Dodds*) (for *Sir Charles Forster.*)

Mr. SEXTON (Sligo, S.): This is a Motion to suspend the Standing Orders in order to enable the Bill to be read a third time. Before we consent to that course, I think we have a right to learn from hon. Members who are responsible for the introduction of the Bill what course they intend to take hereafter in regard to the important clause which was inserted in this Bill on Monday last, and which assimilates the Municipal to the Parliamentary franchise in Belfast. We, in this part of the House, regard that course as essential to the proper administration of the scheme embodied in this Bill; and, therefore, before the measure is read a third time, I feel it is my duty to ask the promoters of the Bill whether they intend to use their influence to strike out the clause in question in "another place," or whether they are prepared to accept the decision at which the House arrived on Monday in good faith? If I receive an assurance to that effect I shall be glad to assent to the third reading of the Bill; but if not, I shall most certainly feel it my duty to divide the House against the suspension of the Standing Orders.

[No one rose to answer the question.]

Colonel NOLAN (Galway, N.): May I ask whether the Question before the House is not a Question of the suspending of the Standing Orders?

Mr. SPEAKER: Yes.

Colonel NOLAN: Has Notice been given to the promoters of the Bill that it was intended to move the suspension of the Standing Orders?

Mr. DODDS (Stockton): Yes.

Colonel NOLAN. Then, is there no one here to answer the question which has been asked by my hon. Friend? It is quite evident that the Bill ought to be postponed.

Mr. SPEAKER: If the Bill is opposed it will stand over necessarily until the next day of the sitting of the House.

Mr. SEXTON (Sligo, S.): Perhaps I may be allowed to repeat that, if the general sense of the House is in favour of the understanding that the clause which was inserted in the Bill on Monday last shall not be got rid of in "another place," I should not feel disposed to insist upon my opposition to the third reading of the Bill.

Sir JAMES M'GAREL-HOGG (Middlesex, Hornsey): I do not think that the hon. Member for Sligo (Mr. Sexton) has any right to make a proposal of that kind in the absence of the hon. Members for Belfast.

Mr. BIGGAR (Cavan, W.): I think the most simple way of dealing with the question would be to allow the third reading to stand over until the commencement of the new Parliament, so as to allow the new Parliament to express its opinion whether the Bill ought to be read a third time or not. Nothing whatever would be lost by taking that course, and it would prevent any difficulty being raised with regard to this new clause in the other House of Parliament.

Mr. BRADLAUGH (Northampton): I think that hon. Members below the Gangway on the other side of the House have a right to claim that there should be a specific understanding in regard to this measure. I cannot forget that when the understanding, which was supposed to have existed in regard to the postponement of the Bill from the 31st of May, was before the House on Monday last there was an absolute disagreement as to what the nature of that understanding was. Indeed, it was questioned by certain hon. Members whether there had been any understanding at all. I think, therefore, that in what we decide upon to-day there should be no repetition of the misunderstanding which occurred on Monday.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Question now before the House is the suspension of the Standing Orders. A subsequent Question will be "That the Bill be now read a third time."

Mr. SEXTON (Sligo, S.): In the absence of those who are entitled to enter into an undertaking I shall certainly persist in my objection to the suspension of the Standing Orders.

Question put.

MR. SPEAKER inquired who were the Tellers for the Ayes?

[No answer.]

MR. SPEAKER: If there are no Tellers there can be no division.

SIR JAMES M'GAREL-HOGG: I will tell for one.

VISCOUNT FOLKESTONE (Middlesex, Enfield): And I for another.

MR. SPEAKER: Then I name as the Tellers for the Ayes, Viscount Folkestone and Sir James M'Garel-Hogg, and as the Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sexton and Mr. Howard Spensley.

The House *divided*:—Ayes 36; Noes 63: Majority 27.—(Div. List, No. 142.)

PRIVATE BILLS.

Order of June 21st, "That as regards Private Bills to be returned by the House of Lords, with Amendments, such Amendments be considered on the next sitting of the House after the day on which the Bill shall have returned from the Lords," read, and discharged.

Ordered, That as regards Private Bills already returned (or to be returned this day), with Amendments, such Amendments be considered forthwith.—(*Sir Charles Forster.*)

TRAMWAYS ORDER IN COUNCIL (IRELAND) BILL [*Lords*].

RESOLUTION.

Motion made, and Question proposed,

"That the Order of the House of the 21st June, referring the Tramways Order in Council (Ireland) Bill [*Lords*] to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills be read, and discharged."—(*Mr. John Morley.*)

MR. BIGGAR, (Cavan, W.): I wish to know, Sir, whether this Bill is a Private or a Public Bill, and whether or not, if nothing further is done with it now, it will be taken in the new Parliament at the stage which it has reached at present, or whether it will lapse with the termination of the Session? I entertain strong objections with regard to some of the provisions of this measure, and I think it is desirable, if possible, that some of the persons who are interested in the matter should have an opportunity of being heard, so that they may give their reasons for opposing this tramway line. On the other, hand it is also desirable that the promoters of the Bill should have an opportunity of giving their reasons in favour of the scheme. My own opinion is that the landlords in the localities which are affected by the measure should be made liable for one-half of the guarantee as well as the tenants. By this Private Bill, as it now stands, the occupiers will be called upon to pay the whole amount of the guarantee payable under this measure. I think it is only fair that the landlords should pay their fair proportion. If it is decided that this Bill is a Public Bill, and that it will lose the position it now occupies in the event of a Dissolution, I think it will be an exceeding awkward thing to prevent it from having an opportunity of going before a Select Committee. On the other hand, if it is simply in the position of other Private Bills, I think there would be a general agreement to allow it to be read a second time now, on the understanding that no further stage shall be taken, but that it will come before the new Parliament, so that an opportunity should be afforded to all persons who are interested in the locality to show whether the provisions of the measure are of a nature which will justify the House in passing them into law or not. If the Government will afford me an opportunity of moving an Instruction to the Committee to-morrow, or of opposing the clause to which I particularly object, I shall raise no further objection to the proposal now made. All that I want is that a fair opportunity should be afforded to the House for saying whether or not it will insist that all the guarantees in connection with this proposed tramway shall be paid by the tenants, and no portion whatever by the landlords. What I wish now to ask you, Mr. Speaker, is this—Whether or not this is to be treated as a Private Bill, or as a Public Bill; whether, in the event of its being held to be a Private Bill, it will come before the new Parliament in the position it now occupies; and whether, in the event of its being held to be a Public Bill, it will lapse entirely with the Dissolution about to take place in the same way as other Public Bills?

MR. SPEAKER: In reply to the question of the hon. Member, I have to say that this is essentially a Public Bill, and, therefore, that it will lapse entirely with the Prorogation. If it had been simply a Provisional Order Bill, it would necessarily partake of the nature of a Public Bill; but, in my judgment, it is something more than a Provisional Order Bill, and the character of its provisions is such that it is essentially a Public Bill.

Dr. TANNER (Cork Co., Mid): Perhaps the House will allow me to say that I have presented a considerable number of Petitions from my constituents in favour of this Bill. The measure itself runs through the heart of my constituency. [*A laugh.*] Hon. Members may laugh; but this is the first attempt I have ever made to carry any Bill through this House, and if, in doing so, I am guilty of any mistake, I hope the House will pardon me. This scheme has been under the consideration both of this House and of the House of Lords for a very considerable time—I believe something like two years—and during that time the persons who first of all drew up the scheme—people who have been called upon to furnish the guarantees for carrying forward the measure, and the majority of whom are certainly the very reverse of wealthy—have subscribed upwards of £7,000; and, out of that sum, up to the present time from £3,000 to £4,000 still remains at this moment in the hands of the trustees, and is, at any rate, the money of the persons who have to furnish this guarantee. It certainly appears to be extremely hard that a scheme of this sort, which was brought forward four years ago, and for which the people of the county of Cork were begged to subscribe their money, should be treated in this way, and that the scheme should be hung up from time to time to suit the pleasure of the opponents of the measure. I may inform the House that the principal opponents of the scheme are the Cork and Macroom Railway Company. That Company have done their utmost on every occasion, and by every means, to oppose the scheme on the ground that if it were carried out it would injure their own material interests. Perhaps I may be allowed to give the simple history of the scheme, which has had to fulfil many conditions. In the first place, it had to pass the Cork Grand Jury. It passed that ordeal satisfactorily, not only once, but twice. It had also to pass the Cork Board of Guardians and the Cork Town Council, and it was successful in each instance. Now, the Cork Grand Jury, we all know, contains within itself gentlemen of the aristocratic type and order; nevertheless, this scheme has been twice passed by that Body, and also by the Cork Town Council, which is an essentially democratic Body, and by the Cork Board of Guardians. It then went before the Privy Council of Ireland, who also passed it. It has, consequently, fulfilled all the conditions that are necessary. When I was asked to take up the scheme, I must confess that I did not decide upon doing so hastily. Although I felt that the scheme might be of material advantage to my constituents, I determined that I would not have anything to say to it until I had ascertained what the feeling of those persons who were most materially affected by it was. I consulted the gentlemen who were asked to guarantee the scheme, and I received from a large majority assurances in favour of the measure. When I last happened to be in Cork, I took a kind of *plébiscite* of the guarantors in every district; and perhaps the House will allow me to state what the result of that *plébiscite* was. In the district of Blarney there are 98 rated occupiers who would be required to furnish the guarantee, with a total rateable qualification of £7,097. Out of that number I find that 65 were in favour of the Bill, and 33 against it. The 65 in favour of it possess a rating qualification of £5,748; whereas the 33 occupiers and freeholders who were either neutral or against the Bill, or whose opinions are unknown, only represent a rating qualification of £1,349. In Ballincollig there is only one gentleman who would be called upon to furnish a guarantee, hardly any of the ratepayers being within the area of taxation in the district, and that gentleman is in favour of the scheme. In Coachford there are 167 in favour of the Bill, with a rateable qualification of £8,232 6*s*. 9*d*., as compared with 47 against it, and a rateable qualification of £1,737 6*s*. In Farsan and Macroom, through which districts it is proposed that the tramway shall actually run, it is found that the people who may be called upon to guarantee it are naturally not so favourable to the scheme. That is easily explained. We know perfectly well that in all schemes of this nature, where it is proposed to run a tramway line, or a light railway, through a particular district, there are a certain number of people who would be called upon to furnish the guarantee who would not be so materially helped by the scheme as those who live in other areas. In this case, the consequence is that in Farsan there are only five rated occupiers in favour of the Bill, with a rated qualification of £249 10*s.*; whereas there are six, or a majority of one against the Bill, who command a rating qualification of £404 in the district of Farsan. There already exists a railway running direct to Cork, and it cannot be expected that the people of Macroom would be so much in favour of the construction of this railway as other persons who would derive very material benefit from it. In Macroom there is a majority of 11 against the scheme. There are 12 rated occupiers, representing a rating qualification of £630 7*s.*, in favour of the Bill; whereas there are against it 23, with a rateable qualification of £1,164 10*s.* In the district of Shandangan, which lies to the North, the population would be equally benefited, although not in the same way, as the districts which lie on the coach road to Blarney. In Shandangan, 26 rated occupiers, with a rateable qualification to the extent of £1,424 7*s.*, are in favour of the scheme, as against two rated occupiers, with a rateable qualification of £85, who are against it. The total result is this. There are 276 rated occupiers, with a rateable qualification amounting to £16,313 6*s.* 9*d.*, in favour of the Bill, and 111, with a rateable qualification of £4,739, against it. Consequently, there is a majority of 165 rated occupiers in favour of the Bill, and an excess of rateable qualification to the extent of £11,573 10*s.* 9*d.* That is the result of the *plébiscite* which I have taken. I think these facts speak for themselves. The measure has been taken up as a Public Bill. If it had been introduced as a Private Bill, I could easily understand the objections which might be raised to it by private individuals. They would object for many and various reasons, and probably to a large extent from motives of a purely private character, because, undoubtedly, private reasons do frequently influence individuals in regard to measures from which they are not likely to derive any particular material benefit. But I feel bound to maintain that, taking this Bill as it stands, and considering the benefit it is likely to confer upon the district which will be served by it, remembering also the depressed times through which we are passing, and considering further that a large class of unfortunate labouring people are at the present moment driven to the verge of starvation—taking all these things into consideration, I cannot help feeling that hon. Members who are taking upon themselves to oppose the Bill, supported as it is by the vast majority of the people of the district through which it is to pass, and who are alone to furnish the guarantee, are entailing upon themselves a serious responsibility. I know this district thoroughly, and I am convinced that this light line of railway, if its construction be sanctioned by Parliament, will not only pay interest upon the capital expended upon it, but will be of vast benefit, not only to the population generally, but especially to the labouring classes, in this time of deep and general distress.

MR. O'HEA (Donegal, W.): I am very much inclined to support the view of the hon. Member for Cavan (Mr. Biggar) respecting this and cognate measures—namely, that the guarantee and the burden of taxation is allowed to rest unduly upon the tenants, and that the landlords entirely escape. But, after having heard the figures which have been quoted by my hon. Friend the Member for Mid Cork (Dr. Tanner), and being quite satisfied that the people of this district earnestly desire that this scheme should be carried out, I feel bound to give the measure my support. I am informed that all the Representatives of the county of Cork are in favour of the scheme; and when we find that the people of the district, who are certainly the best judges of their own affairs, desire the Bill; when the Representatives of the locality share the views entertained by their constituents, who, they believe, will be benefited by the construction of the line, we have before us strong reasons which ought to be quite sufficient to induce hon. Members to pause before they do anything that may impair the progress of the Bill or prevent the scheme from being carried out with as little delay as possible. There was another fact mentioned by my hon. Friend which ought not to be lost sight of. In addition to the ultimate benefit which the district will receive from the construction of this line, there is also the fact that the labouring classes at this moment are sadly in need of employment. By carrying out this work employment will be given in the coming winter. Instead of the labouring classes having to pass through an exceptional gloomy winter, employment will be found for them; and not only will they be able to provide for their own wants by honest industry, but the bulk of them will be prevented from becoming the recipients of outdoor relief. Having regard to the arguments which have been adduced by my hon. Friend in favonr of the Bill, much as I desire to see the landlords compelled to pay their due proportion of taxation, I am quite satisfied that it will be of advantage to the locality if the Bill is passed as rapidly as possible.

THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY (Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER) (Wolverhampton, E.): In the absence of my right hon. Friend the Chief Secretary, who is not able to be in his place this afternoon, I have been requested to communicate to the House what the views of the Irish Government are in reference to this Bill. It is not necessary that I should go into the details of the case, which are well known to many hon. Members. But the circumstances of the case entail peculiar hardships upon the locality in which this line runs, and form a strong argument in favour of some alteration in our mode of doing business so far as Ireland is concerned. This measure has passed through various stages both as a Private and a Public Bill, and it has now become undoubtedly a Public Bill. I may state shortly that the scheme has been twice sanctioned under the provisions of the Tramways Act by the Grand Jury of the county of Cork, and it was then submitted to the Irish Privy Council, according to the provisions of the law. The Privy Council unanimously approved of the Order, and the matter was very fully discussed. It was next brought before the House of Lords, and the officials of that House made the mistake, last year, of treating it as a Private instead of a Public Bill. It was referred to a Private Bill Committee, and the parties were put to the enormous expense of bringing over witnesses from Ireland. Ultimately the Select Committee rejected the Bill. Shortly afterwards the change of Government took place, and representations were made to the authorities of the House of Lords, and the matter was considered by both sides of the House. The late Lord Chancellor (Lord Halsbury), and his Predecessor (the Earl of Selborne), were satisfied that a great error had been committed, and that it was a Public and not a Private Bill. It was therefore decided to re-commit the Bill, and to treat it as a public measure. It was passed without a division, and sent down to this House late in the Session. The consequence was that it was blocked, and finally lost. The Dissolution took place, and the thousands of pounds which the unfortunate promoters had expended were thrown away. It has now been brought forward again this year as a Public Bill, and it has received the support of Earl Spencer, Lord Fitzgerald, of the present Lord Chancellor of Ireland, and of Lord Ashbourne, the late Lord Chancellor. I am sure the House will not agree with the hon. Member for Cavan (Mr. Biggar) that this is a measure upon which to raise the question of requiring the landlords to join in the guarantee in reference to future taxation. I think it is only just to the promoters that the Bill should be allowed to pass after the tremendously expensive ordeal to which it has been subjected; and it must not be forgotten that it comes down to us with the united support of the Noblemen whose names I have mentioned, of the present Government of Ireland, and of the late Government. Those who are now responsible for the government of that country ask the House to pass the second reading and to suspend the Standing Orders in order that that course may be taken.

MR. ARTHUR O'CONNOR (Donegal, E.): I think there is a great deal of reason in what has been said by the hon. Gentleman the Secretary to the Treasury, and there was also a good deal in what was said by the hon. Member for Mid Cork (Dr. Tanner), as to the want of employment for the labouring classes in the county of Cork at the present moment; but, at the same time, I think there can be no argument more dangerous for advocating a scheme of this kind than that of the existence of distress and the impossibility of finding employment for persons now out of work. I do not think that the House ought to be called upon to entertain any scheme upon that ground; but it ought to be considered entirely upon its own merits, altogether irrespective of any distress that may exist. In regard to the Bill itself I have this remark to make—that it is one of a character which ought to be jealously watched, because the authorities have had no opportunity of making themselves heard. The measure is not one which has achieved such an amount of success which renders it desirable that it should be hurried through Parliament, as it is now proposed to hurry it, without detailed examination. My hon. Friend below me—the hon. Member for Mid Cork (Dr. Tanner)—made a great deal of certain figures which he quoted in reference to the districts in the county of Cork which will be affected by the construction of this tramway; but those who are not as intimately acquainted with the county of Cork as he and I may not be able to appreciate the significance of this question. If, however, hon. Members will refer to a map, and examine the figures by the light of that reference, they will find that about the city of Cork there is much support to the scheme; in Blarney also there is a considerable amount of support; the people of Coachford also, whose doors the line is proposed to run past, are also in favour of it. But when you get further off, and approach Macroom and other parts, it will be found that the scheme receives nothing like the same amount of support. Nevertheless, it is proposed to charge a large district with a heavy amount of liability with regard to this financial project, although in its entirety it is scarcely benefited at all. Places which are remote from this line of tramway will receive no benefit whatever from it, but will be saddled, notwithstanding, with a serious financial burden. I think that is altogether unfair. If we suspend the Standing Orders in the way in which it is proposed to suspend them now, what will be the effect? The Bill will go before the Examiners of Private Bills, who will be able to call the promoters before them. [Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER: No; that is not so.] I understand that the Examiners would hear individual proprietors of property along the proposed tramway line, and also some of the shareholders of the Company. If it is to be treated as a Private Bill, as I understand it is—[Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER: No.]—it will be necessary to refer it to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. If it is not to be treated as a Private Bill, the case is made worse, because not only would the promoters have an opportunity of being heard before the Examiners of Private Bills, but it would be open for other persons to complain of non-compliance with the Standing Orders, and, in some form or other, to ventilate the merits and demerits of the scheme. If that were done now, I have no doubt the result would be the same in this House as it was after the careful scrutiny which was made by the House of Lords, and which resulted in the decision that the Bill ought not to pass. We are asked now to do a very singular thing. The Government informed the House that it was intended to bring the Session to a close as rapidly as possible, and that in the meantime no contentious Business would be taken. Now, this Bill has been opposed over and over again. It admittedly contains matter of a contentious character, and we find the Government deliberately departing from their promise, and themselves pushing contentious Business through the House at a moment when they had given hon. Members to understand that no contentious Business would be taken. They are even asking us to dispense with our own Standing Orders, which require that the Bill should go before the Examiners, and proposing that the Bill should be committed, in the Whole House, at once. I maintain that this is an extreme course to take; and unless the necessity were very great—a good deal stronger than it is on the present occasion—I am of opinion that Her Majesty's Government are not justified in what they are doing. I assume, however, that it will be useless to divide the House on the matter; but I am glad to have an opportunity of recording my protest against the course which the Government propose to take.

DR. COMMINS (Roscommon, S.): This Bill is not now for the first time before the House, and its merits are not required to be gone into now, seeing that they have been amply discussed before. Indeed, the measure has been before the House on its merits since 1884, and upon those merits there have been two decisions in its favour by the

Grand Jury of the county of Cork. The House are, therefore, aware that the persons who are intrusted with the care of the interests of the particular locality affected by the Bill have already twice decided that the Bill ought to be passed. The Town Council of the city of Cork and the Cork Board of Guardians, who are perfectly well acquainted with the wants of the locality, have also decided in its favour. In addition, it has received the approval of the Privy Council of Ireland. After all these decisions, and after all the occasions in which those who object to the scheme have had an opportunity of being heard against it, my hon. Friend the Member for Cavan (Mr. Biggar) asks now that some particular individuals who have already had an opportunity of being heard shall be heard again, and be able to re-state their case in such a manner as to throw an enormous expense upon the promoters of the scheme. This Bill, which to some extent is a Private Bill, has now become a Public Bill; but, through a mistake on the part of the officials in "another place," it was relegated back as a Private Bill, and the promoters were compelled to incur an expense of £2,000, seeing that they had to bring over 14 or 15 witnesses to London, and to go into the merits of the Bill over again before a tribunal which I maintain, with all due respect, was not nearly so well qualified to come to a decision upon the scheme as the Grand Jury of the county of Cork or the Privy Council of Ireland. The expense of bringing witnesses from Ireland to this country is so great that the promoters were unable to call some of their most valuable witnesses. Then I say that those who are opposed to the Bill have had an ample opportunity of being heard twice already, and that the matter has been decided against them, except in the single instance when the Bill was sent back to a Private Bill Committee by the House of Lords. On that occasion the promoters, almost without notice, were called upon to re-state their case, and to endeavour to prove it by witnesses who could only be brought from Ireland at an enormous expense. I think it would not only be a great hardship, but an act of great injustice, to the promoters, who are only acting in the public interests, to impose upon them a repetition of the large expenditure already incurred. I therefore think the best course is to accept the proposal of Her Majesty's Government and take the measure as a Public Bill.

Mr. FLYNN (Cork, N.): As one of the Representatives of the county of Cork and a resident in the district which is proposed to be served by the construction of this tramway, I have great pleasure in supporting the Motion of the hon. Gentleman the Secretary to the Treasury, and I hope the House will assent to it. Of course, one must naturally expect opposition to a measure of this kind; but I take it that if the House were to adopt the course recommended by the hon. Member for East Donegal (Mr. Arthur O'Connor), it would have the effect of requiring the merits of this Bill to be discussed for a third or fourth time, whereas the opponents of the scheme have already had an opportunity on several occasions of stating their case, and the decision has been against them. The Board of Guardians of the district through which the tramway is to pass have unanimously passed resolutions in support of it. It is also strongly supported by the Corporation of the city of Cork, who are well acquainted with the locality and the local requirements. I therefore think that a strong case in favour of it has been made out. The opposition to the Bill comes principally from the Cork and Macroom Railway Company, as has already been explained by the hon. Member for Mid Cork (Dr. Tanner). That hon. Member is a Representative of the district, and he would certainly not have supported it if he did not believe that it would be for the benefit of the locality, that it is a scheme which will eventually pay, and that it will serve the material interests of his constituents. I have very great pleasure in supporting the Motion.

Question put, and *agreed to.*

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."—(*Mr. John Morley.*)

Mr. BIGGAR (Cavan, W.): I gather from the remarks of the hon. Gentleman opposite (the Secretary to the Treasury) that he objects to two propositions which have been made—namely, that he declines to agree to afford me an opportunity to-morrow of discussing the propriety of throwing half the expense of the guarantee upon the landlords, instead of throwing the whole of it upon the occupoing tenants. He also objects, and perhaps not unfairly, to allow the Bill to be entirely lost, because he knows that it is practically impossible to have its merits considered at this period of the Session by a Select Committee. My appeal to the hon. Gentleman was that he should give us an opportuity tomorrow of considering whether it was not desirable to insert a clause in the measure which would allow part of the responsibility of the guarantee to be laid, where it ought to be laid, upon the landowners as well as the tenants. It is notorious that this Bill was originally promoted by a large landowner in the county of Cork. Not only is that the case, but it is somewhat singular that so much stress should have been laid upon the fact that the Grand Jury of the county of Cork decided in favour of the scheme. I am credibly informed that the late High Sheriff laid the Bill before a Grand Jury altogether friendly to his views, and, in fact, that they came to a decision upon the representations made to them by that gentleman. Sir George Colthurst, a former Representative of the county, was the High Sheriff by whom the measure was brought before the Grand Jury. Coachford, one of the points to which it is proposed to carry this railway, is a village about 15 miles from Cork. I would ask hon. Members to consider seriously whether it is desirable to encourage projects for making light railways to the villages in all parts of Ireland ?—and yet that is really the gist of the proposal now before the House. I would further ask whether it is deemed advisable to encourage the construction of tramways to distant villages in competition with regular lines of railway already in existence and paying very small dividends ? In regard to this projected line, it runs almost parallel with the Cork and Macroom Railway ; it is not more than five miles away from any part of it, and, consequently, it cannot be alleged that the district proposed to be served is very badly off for railway accommodation. Persons residing within a mile of Macroom would naturally continue to use the Macroom Railway as a mode of conveyance to Cork in preference to the proposed line, and yet they are to be made liable to find the guarantee for this Bill. I would ask the Government if that is a proposal in support of which there can be any fair argument ? As has been pointed out by my hon. Friend the Member for East Donegal (Mr. Arthur O'Connor), the Government, when they announced a Dissolution, gave a promise that no contentious Business should be taken. Now, this Bill certainly contains provisions of a highly contentious nature, and if they were allowed to be fairly fought out on their merits, I am satisfied that they would be thrown out. My hon. Friend the Member for West Donegal (Mr. O'Hea) talked about the construction of the line providing employment for the labourer. But are hon. Members prepared, in order to find employment for the labouring classes to the extent of some £10,000, to tax the ratepayers permanently to the extent of £70,000 ? The serious part of the expense of a railway is incurred in providing rolling stock, rails, and other materials, whereas the cost of labour is only a small fraction of the entire expense. I maintain that the reasons which have been given in support of the Bill are altogether untenable, and I think Her Majesty's Government ought to agree to my proposal, and afford an opportunity of considering the propriety of throwing the responsibility of supplying the guarantee upon the persons who are the real promoters of the scheme, and not of confining the burden of taxation solely upon the unfortunate occupying tenants. The landowners should undoubtedly bear their fair share of the expense, and perhaps it would teach them not to go in for these expensive railway schemes. At any rate, their views in that direction would probably be more moderate if they knew that they would be liable to incur their proper share of the expense.

THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY (Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER) (Wolverhampton, E.) : The answer I have to give to the hon. Gentleman on behalf of the Government is simply this—that if we were to afford him the opportunity he asks for, the result would be merely to throw out the Bill. The House will only meet to-morrow for the purpose of being prorogued, and neither House will meet for the purpose of going on with Business. Therefore, to postpone the second reading of the Bill until to-morrow, would amount to the practical throwing out of the Bill. I do not propose to go into the merits of the case again. The local people are in favour of it; the Local Authorities have twice over decided upon it; the Irish Privy Council has given its sanction to it; and the House of Lords, including two Lord Lieutenants, both the late and previous and present Lord Chancellor, and the Chief Secretaries past and present, in addition to the Members in this House who represent the district, have decided in favour of it. I hope, therefore, the House will not listen to the appeal which has been made by the hon. Member, but will do in this matter what I consider to be justice to Ireland.

Mr. SEXTON (Sligo, S.): I quite agree with the hon. Gentleman the Secretary to the Treasury in the conclusion to which he has arrived, and I would ask my hon. Friend the Member for Cavan (Mr. Biggar) not to persist with his opposition to the Bill.

Mr. M. J. KENNY (Tyrone, Mid): I think the hon. Gentleman the Secretary to the Treasury is somewhat mistaken in the statement he has made, that this Bill commands the universal assent of the locality through which it is to pass. The House has been familiar with the Bill since last year, and hon. Members who belong to the Party who sit on these Benches have reason to be familiar with it by reason of the fact that they were waited upon by two deputations of local ratepayers who came over from Ireland to make representations in regard to the Bill. One was a deputation from the tenants of Sir George Colthurst, who were naturally in favour of it, because it suited their personal convenience, and because this line of tramway—which I believe is really a bogus line—is to run past their houses, and will, of course, be of some benefit to them. It was supported also by the local landlord party, and by the Grand Jury, specially packed by Sir George Colthurst, who, in 1884, was High Sheriff of the county of Cork, because the line is intended to benefit his own property, and will be of advantage to his tenants. He sent a deputation of tenant farmers to us, all of whom lived in the immediate vicinity of the proposed line, and, of course, they were in favour of it; but immediately afterwards a large deputation of tenant farmers came across who do not live in the immediate vicinity of the line, but who are supposed to derive benefit from it. They distinctly told us that the Cork and Macroom Railway affords ample accommodation to the district already; they, therefore, objected to be burdened with taxation for it; they maintained the line, if constructed, would never pay; and I think it is perfectly obvious that a narrow gauge line of railway of this nature, instead of being able to pay, will be a dead loss. The consequence will be that it will have to be taken up by the Grand Jury as soon as it ceases to pay, and the community will be taxed to the extent, probably, of 1*s.* in the pound, simply for the purpose of gratifying the interests of Sir George Colthurst, who, at that time, was Member for the city of Cork, and his tenants. The hon. Member for West Mayo (Mr. Deasy), who is intimately connected with the county, is altogether opposed to the scheme.

Dr. TANNER (Cork Co., Mid): Will my hon. Friend allow me to interrupt him? I only wish to say that the hon. Member for West Mayo (Mr. Deasy) did oppose the Bill at the outset, but he has since withdrawn all objection and opposition.

Mr. M. J. KENNY: My hon. Friend the Member for West Mayo has ceased to be a Member for the city of Cork, and he does not trouble himself now about the affairs of that city. Probably it would have been different if he had remained one of the Representatives of that city. Not only did the hon. Member for West Mayo oppose the construction of this line, but the hon. Member for East Cork (Mr. Lane), who was not then a Member of this House, was also strongly opposed to it.

Dr. TANNER: I must again interrupt my hon. Friend. The hon. Member for East Cork is one of the strongest aiders and abettors of this Bill.

Mr. M. J. KENNY: I remember that the hon. Member who now represents East Cork (Mr. Lane) distinctly stated last year that he had been led by error into supporting the Bill; but as soon as he found out the real nature of the measure, and the real intentions of the promoters, he at once communicated with my hon. Friend (Mr. Parnell), who was then the junior Member for the city of Cork, with a view of inducing him to oppose the measure, on the ground that it proposed to burden the locality with an enormous annual charge. Already the local ratepayers are petitioning against the Bill. Persons living in the locality, rated at £1,500 per annum, have petitioned against it, and are altogether opposed to it. Their contention is that this scheme, which is brought in under the provisions of the Tramways Act of 1883, is open to great objection, on the ground that there is no prospect of the line being able to maintain its way. The only thing that has been said in its favour is that its construction would involve the expenditure of money for the benefit of the labouring classes; but I contend that that is one of the greatest possible delusions from an economic standpoint. Suppose there are £20,000 or £30,000 spent in the payment of wages among the navvies and other persons engaged in these works. The money may benefit the men who receive it, but the locality will be very little benefited. There may be a small temporary benefit, but in the end there would be a permanent charge on the rates. Thus the locality is to be taxed in perpetuity for the benefit of a small gang of navvies; and the navvies who construct lines of railways in Ireland are not local navvies, but persons who come from a distance and go about in gangs from one public work to another. The idea that the construction of this tramway line will benefit the locality seems to my mind to be all moonshine. I am sorry that the hon. Gentleman the Secretary to the Treasury has supported the scheme, for I am perfectly certain that if he had had the opportunity of inquiring into the question he would have taken the opposite attitude.

Mr. E. HARRINGTON (Kerry, W.): My hon. Friend the Member for Mid Cork (Dr. Tanner) excited some laughter when he said that this question was one which ran through the heart of his constituency; but I maintain that it runs through the heart of Irish property generally. I would ask hon. Members on both sides of the House whether there can be any doubt whatever as to the Irish feeling on this matter, or of those who represent the locality principally affected by the measure? If the Bill were decided by the vote of the Irish Members alone, I am satisfied that it would be carried by a very large majority.

Mr. ARTHUR O'CONNOR (Donegal, E.): I would make an appeal to hon. Members who are supporting the Bill to agree to the very reasonable proposal that that burden should be restricted to those who are to enjoy the benefit. There are certain districts which are already within reach of a railway. Such districts will derive no benefit at all from the proposed line. They have signed a Petition against it, and they have moved against it not only this year, but in previous years. It is perfectly absurd that persons living within a mile of Macroom Railway Station, which is in direct communication with Cork, should be taxed in order that another line, of doubtful benefit, should be run in a district which is not theirs. If those who are in charge of the Bill will agree to exclude from the area of the measure Farsan and Macroom, I am perfectly ready to withdraw the opposition to the Bill; but I cannot see how the House can in fairness insist in throwing the charge upon Macroom for a scheme which can in no way benefit it, and in respect of a railway service which they regard as no supplement whatever to their own line. These are the only two districts in regard to which there is any substantial ground of objection; but in respect of these two it seems to me unreasonable that the promoters should refuse to modify their scheme. I would ask my hon. Friend below (Dr. Tanner) to say whether, if this Bill goes into Committee this afternoon, he will be willing to submit a limitation of the area of charge so as to exclude the districts I have mentioned?

Dr. TANNER (Cork Co., Mid): So far as the proposal which my hon. Friend has made is concerned, I should have no objection to it; but I must remind him that the matter is entirely in the hands of the hon. Gentleman opposite, and, as far as I can see, if the proposition were entertained the Bill would be hung up and practically destroyed for the present Session, and would have to be introduced again. If the House will bear in mind the figures which I have already read in reference to the two districts which my hon. Friend desires to omit, they will recollect that in one of them—Farsan—there were five rated occupiers in favour of the Bill, and only six against, while in the district of Macroom there were 12 in favour and 23 against; so that there were altogether, in the two districts, 17 in favour of the scheme and 29 against it. Accordingly, you are to hang up the Bill for another year, and put the unfortunate promoters to an immense amount of expense, in order to gratify the wishes of 12 persons who may be called on to give a guarantee. I certainly think that it is a ridiculous proposal, and I hope the hon. Gentleman opposite will not give it his serious consideration. The House may rest satisfied that all classes and sections in the locality are united in supporting the measure, and the sooner it is passed into law the better it will be for all parties concerned.

Mr. O'HEA (Donegal, W.): If the suggestion of my hon. Friend the Member for East Donegal (Mr. Arthur O'Connor) were carried out, this Bill, which is framed on the basis of certain areas of taxation, would be entirely changed in its character, and the entire fabric which has been built up would crumble away. I cannot see how the suggestion of my hon. Friend could be carried out compatibly with the retention of the remaining provisions of the measure.

Motion *agreed to.*

Bill read a second time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."—(*The Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Henry H. Fowler.*)

Mr. BIGGAR (Cavan, W.): Before you leave the Chair, Sir, I must again protest against the way in which this Bill has been dealt with. It came down from the House of Lords on Tuesday last, and no Notice of it was given to any Member of the House until the Papers were issued next morning. Yet we are now asked to push the Bill through all of its stages. What is the result? The result is that we have had no opportunity of drafting any Amendments which might be considered fair and reasonable; we have been prevented either from giving Notice of Amendments, or from having any opportunity to block the Bill. I think, Sir, that that is a mode of conducting the Business of the House which we have a right to protest against in the strongest terms we can use. Further than that, we were told when the Dissolution was announced that Her Majesty's Government would proceed with no contentious Business, but would simply wind up the ordinary Business of the Session. Yet they have introduced, almost on the last day of the Session, a measure of a highly contentious character, and they propose to force it through all of its stages in a single Sitting. It is notorious that there has been no debate in this House on the merits of this scheme, and that however desirable it may be to introduce Amendments into the Bill it would be impossible to have them properly considered unless previous Notice of them had been placed upon the Paper. If the Government had taken measures to have the Bill brought down from the House of Lords on Monday, so that we might have been afforded an opportunity of giving Notice of Amendments on Tuesday, there might have been some slight justification for the course which has been pursued; but, under the circumstances, it certainly seems to me that the Government have been guilty of sharp practice in regard to the Bill. We have been told by the hon. Member for Mid Cork (Dr. Tanner) that the opponents of the Bill are very few; but there have been Petitions against the Bill signed by ratepayers who are rated as occupiers to the amount of £4,700 per annum. No doubt, a certain class of persons will get some convenience from the construction of this line and will reap advantage from it. Of course, they are in favour of the measure; but, on the other hand, there are a considerable number of large ratepayers who will be taxed by the Bill and will derive no benefit at all from it. I think that, under the circumstances, Her Majesty's Government ought to withdraw the Bill altogether.

Question put, and *agreed to.*

Bill *considered* in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

(Sir Lyon Playfair in the Chair.)

Clauses 1 to 3 *agreed to.*

Mr. ARTHUR O'CONNOR (Donegal, E.): I beg to move, in the Schedule which confirms the presentment of the Grand Jury of the county of Cork, to insert, after the word "Barretts," "with the exception of the parish of Aghina." This is a clause—Section 8 of the Schedule—which reads in this way—

> "The presentment of the Grand Jury of the County of Cork, which is set out in the first Schedule to this Order, is hereby confirmed so far as it relates to the charge to be defrayed by the portions of the baronies of East Muskerry and Cork and Barretts as particularized in the said presentment for the payment of dividends at the rate of five pounds per centum per annum upon the paid-up capital of the undertaking as limited by this Order, and so far as it relates to the liability of the same portion of the said baronies to provide for the completing, working, and maintaining of the undertaking."

I understand from my hon. Friend the Member for Mid Cork (Dr. Tanner), who, although not in charge of the Bill, represents the interests of the promoters, that he is not, in principle at any rate, opposed to the modification of the limitation which I suggested a short time ago. He only appeared to be afraid that any alteration of the Bill in Committee would involve delay and imperil the passing of the measure. But I understand that there are other Amendments which it will be necessary to insert in Committee, so that the acceptance of the Amendment which I propose would not involve any delay at all, seeing that I propose no further alteration of the Bill than will be effected by the other Amendments to which I allude. I simply propose by this Amendment to limit the area of charge by inserting in line 13, after the word "Barretts," the words "with the exception of the parish of Aghina." That parish is the parish which is most hardly dealt with by the scheme as it is now drawn. There is no portion of the parish of Aghina of which it can be said that it will derive any benefit whatever from the Bill. It is the parish from which the loudest and best grounded objections to the scheme proceed, and there is certainly considerable cause for the complaint the ratepayers make. In order to effect a compromise in the matter, I simply limit the Amendment to this particular parish. I beg to move that in Section 8 of the Schedule, page 4, line 13, after the word "Barretts," to insert the words "with the exception of the parish of Aghina."

Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 13, after the word "Barretts," to insert the words "with the exception of the parish of Aghina."—(*Mr. Arthur O'Connor.*)

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

MR. FLYNN (Cork, N.): I would ask the hon. Member how he thinks it is possible that a revaluation can be now made for the purpose of this Bill? A large portion of this very district which the hon. Member for Donegal (Mr. Arthur O'Connor) wishes to exclude, and a considerable portion of this very parish of Aghina, will be served by this tramway line. No doubt, there is some portion of it which is conveniently situated so far as the Cork and Macroom Railway is concerned; but there are other parts which will be directly served by the construction of this light tramway. In addition, it will have the advantage of competition, and we all know that in case of the transport of goods either by sea or land there is nothing so advantageous to the general public as competition. The entire district to which the Amendment refers will be served by the Bill; and the promoters, therefore, strongly object to the proposed alteration.

MR. BIGGAR (Cavan, W.): The position which the opponents of the Bill occupy is a most unsatisfactory one. The unfortunate people who live at the terminus of the railway will be called upon to pay part of the guarantee, but can by no possibility derive benefit from the construction of a new line. I do not see how Her Majesty's Government can defend a proposition of this sort. As I have already said, part of the property which it is proposed to tax is within one mile of the town of Macroom, and four miles distant from the terminus of the proposed line. Nevertheless, the occupiers of that property will be taxed if the Bill is allowed to pass in its present shape. I do not see how the Government can defend such a proposition, and I fail to see what objection they can urge to the reasonable proposal of my hon. Friend the Member for Donegal (Mr. Arthur O'Connor). The hon. Gentleman who has just sat down (Mr. Flynn) says that if the Amendment is assented to, the property affected by the Bill will have to be revalued. That is not at all necessary, because under the Government valuation every holder holds separately, and there will not be the slightest difficulty in striking out a whole parish if it is thought desirable to do so.

THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY (Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER) (Wolverhampton, E.): The Government are anxious to see this Bill passed in the form in which it has been introduced by the promoters, and that as little change should be made in it as possible. It has already gone through the House of Lords, and it is desirable that the form in which it left that House shall be adhered to. The Government, at all events, have shown that they are not enamoured of the principle of revising questions which have been settled by the Irish authorities. In this case the Bill has been approved by the Irish Privy Council, the Board of Guardians of the county of Cork, and by all the Local Authorities; and the course I ask the Committee to take now is to accept the decision of the Local Authorities, the Privy Council, and the House of Lords. If not, the effect of altering the measure in the way suggested would be, I am satisfied, to destroy the Bill. I trust that the hon. Member for Donegal (Mr. Arthur O'Connor) will not throw on this House the responsibility of amending the provisions of the Bill on a question we do not understand.

MR. M. J. KENNY (Tyrone, Mid): I think it is a great pity that the Bill cannot be referred to a Select Committee, because, as a matter of fact, this House is altogether incompetent to deal with the question involved in it. The Committee have no evidence before them, or, at any rate, only conflicting evidence, as to the feeling of the local ratepayers on the matter. What is proposed is to construct a light line of railway within a mile of the area at present occupied by the Cork and Macroom Railway, and to compel the ratepayers, who are already more than amply provided with railway accommodation, to pay the cost of the new tramway, although it will only benefit a few persons who live on the route of the proposed narrow-gauge railway. I believe that, under any circumstances, it would be impossible to induce any body of sane men to subscribe to the construction of this line. I certainly consider it unfair to expose persons living in the parish of Aghina even to the risk of being called upon to pay for the railway. They do not want the line, and it is not only unfair but unjust to require them to run the risk of being liable to pay for a scheme which is bound to collapse, eventually leaving the entire district responsible for the payment of a rate in perpetuity. I trust that the Committee will see their way to accept the Amendment of my hon. Friend, because, although not all that could be desired, it would save the inhabitants of this parish from the risk they are asked to incur, of guaranteeing a railway from which they can by no possibility derive the smallest amount of benefit.

Question put.

The Committee *divided:*—Ayes 3; Noes 115: Majority 112.—(Div. List, No. 143.)

THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY (Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER) (Wolverhampton, E.) moved to insert in the Schedule the following sub-section relating to the limit of guarantee:—

"(9.) The capital to which the guarantee set out in the said presentment shall apply is hereby limited to the sum of seventy-five thousand pounds. The guarantee shall apply to so much of the capital so limited as is for the time actually paid up. The aforesaid capital of seventy-five thousand pounds shall not be issued as fully paid up, or be called up, save as said capital may from time to time be required for the actual construction and carrying out of the said undertaking: Provided always, that the entire of said capital shall not be issued until the expiration of a period of two years from the confirmation of this Order by Act of Parliament, unless the said undertaking shall be sooner completed."

Sub-section *agreed to.*

MR. HENRY H. FOWLER moved to insert Sub-section 11—

(Guarantee by Treasury.)

"(11.) When in any half-year after the opening for traffic of the light railways the said baronies have paid to the Promoters any sums in respect of guaranteed dividend, exclusive of any sum paid in respect of the completing, working, or maintaining of the undertaking, the Treasury shall, if and so long as the light railways are maintained in working order and carry traffic, authorise the Board of Works, out of moneys provided by Parliament, to pay to the treasurer of the county, to be put to the account of the said baronies in the proportion of the sums paid by them, a sum amounting to one half of the sums so paid by them in respect of guaranteed dividend, exclusive as aforesaid, during such half-year, but so nevertheless that the sum so authorised to be paid shall not exceed a sum equal to interest at the rate of 2 per centum per annum on the paid up capital limited as aforesaid."

Sub-section *agreed to.*

Preamble.

MR. HENRY H. FOWLER moved, in line 2, to strike out the word "provisional."

Amendment *agreed to.*

Question, "That this be the Preamble of the Bill," put, and *agreed to.*

Bill *reported*, with Amendments; as amended, *considered;* read the third time and *passed,* with Amendments.

SHANKLIN AND CHALE RAILWAY (EXTENSION TO FRESHWATER) BILL [*Lords*] (*by Order*).

THIRD READING.

Order for Third Reading read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read the third time."—(*Mr. Dodds.*)

MR. R. CHAMBERLAIN (Islington, W.): I rise for the purpose of moving the Amendment of which I have given Notice, and to ask the House to reject this Bill, because I believe that the railway it is proposed to construct is not required by any present, or possible, or probable traffic along the line, and because it will involve the unnecessary and wanton destruction of some of the natural beauty of the Isle of Wight, and, in particular, would destroy some Downs over which the public at the present moment enjoy, and from time immemorial have enjoyed, the right of wandering, and which right they still claim. In addition, the line itself will be inconvenient and dangerous in its plan and construction; and, further, it was promoted in the interests, not of the public, but of one or two land speculators, who, while benefiting themselves, confer no corresponding benefit upon the public. The principle upon which Parliament consents to confer privileges and grant compulsory powers upon a private Company is that the promoters of a Private Bill shall, in return, confer the greatest possible benefit upon the public, and injure the public in the smallest possible degree. Now, the present Bill is one which proposes to inflict upon the public the maximum of loss and the minimum of gain. Last Session Parliament granted powers for the construction of a line from Shanklin to Chale—a point about five miles from Shanklin—and now it is sought to extend that line from Chale to Freshwater. But, while the promoters ask powers to extend the Shanklin and Chale line, that line does not exist at the present moment, because, so far, no advantage has been taken of the power to construct the line granted by Parliament last year. Such traffic as there is in the district along the least frequented sea board of the Island is taken by two coaches; and, in order to secure a sufficient amount of patronage, the proprietors of these coaches find it necessary to charge fares less than railway fares for the same distance would come to. I have visited the locality personally, as I felt it my duty to do so before taking the course I am about to take. I found that neither of the two coaches was paying, and that both were running with less than half-loads of passengers. Then, again, with regard to the other railways which the Isle of Wight possesses, I would ask what probability their history presents of a new line proving to be a profitable speculation? It is a very thinly populated Island, and yet there are at present five railways running in it. One of them—the Isle of Wight Railway—pays, I believe, a good dividend; but the Cowes and Newport pays neither dividend nor interest upon the capital expended; the Ryde and Newport Railway pays no dividend; the Newport Junction Railway from Newport to Sandown is in the hands of receivers appointed by the Court of Chancery, and the Newport and Freshwater Railway is an alternative line to Freshwater which has just been commenced. The Company obtained power to construct the line eight years ago; but it is only now that they have commenced to carry their powers out. There is, further, a Brading Harbour and Works Railway; but I have not been able to obtain any information whatever about it. With regard to the proposed line, I understand it is intended that the Isle of Wight Company shall work it. But does that make the case better? Not in the slightest degree, because, if it were likely to be a paying railway, calculated to confer benefit upon the promoters and contractors, the Isle of Wight Company would themselves have come to Parliament for powers to make the line. It is only because it is a scheme not worth their while as a Company to execute themselves that the Isle of Wight

Company have taken it up in this way. With regard to the country through which the proposed line is to run, it will pass along the sea board, cutting through the tops of some of the most beautiful chines, and eventually it is to end by a steep incline at Freshwater, passing over Afton Downs, which shut in Freshwater Bay and form one of the most charming spots in the Island. The incline is not only dangerous from its steepness, but it turns round with a sharp and dangerous curve; and altogether the line will, if sanctioned, utterly and irretrievably ruin the scenery of this part of the Island. A question has been raised as to whether common rights do not exist in the Downs which it is proposed to intersect. The Company say that there are no common rights whatever, and that the Downs are the property of individual landlords. In their own statement they say that they put it down in the first instance as commonable land because there was so much difficulty in ascertaining whether there were common rights; but they say they have now ascertained that there are no common rights. From the inquiry which I made on the spot, I find that, although there are no common rights in regard to the cutting of turf or the grazing of cattle, yet that the public have from time immemorial had the privilege of straying over and enjoying these beautiful Downs. I myself wandered over them without let or hindrance, and I therefore ask the House not to decide any dispute which may exist as to common rights between ths public and the landowners. The matter is in dispute, and until the question can be legally decided I would ask the House not to take sides on a question of this kind. The promoters go on to say that the opposition to the scheme is simply the result of a sentimental objection. Well, I think there is something even in a sentimental objection, and I have heard of a Railway Bill being thrown out three times simply on account of a sentimental objection. There can be no doubt that if this line is sanctioned it will entirely destroy a very interesting and charming spot. I have said that this railway is a dangerous railway. It goes down an incline of one in 50 at one point, and then for a considerable distance down an incline of one in 40, and then it works round the Down at Freshwater by an extremely sharp curve—a curve of 10 chains which I am advised is exceedingly dangerous from an engineering point of view, and very likely to be objected to even by the Board of Trade. The reason why it is proposed to make the line in such a way is that in the interests of the promoters it may be made as cheaply as possible without regard to the advantage or safety of the public. As I have said, if such a line were wanted the Isle of Wight Company would have taken it up, and there would have been open competition for the construction of the line. But as it is simply a speculation the work of construction is to be given to a particular contractor. As a matter of fact, it is a line which has been got up by a syndicate of promoters; and I need not tell the House that it is not the interests of the general public which, as a rule, are attended to under such circumstances. Not a single shilling of money has been subscribed on behalf of the public, and if the railway receives the sanction of Parliament it will have to be financed, and eventually the public will come into possession of the line at something like double the cost of constructing a good and sound railway. The promoters in their statement say they have satisfied the objections of the Commons Preservation Society. I cannot help regarding that as a startling statement, because it is at the instance of the Commons Preservation Society that I have taken up this case. That, I think, is a sufficient answer to this portion of their statement. While on this subject, I may, perhaps, be allowed to say that I am altogether free from any kind of private interest. I have no personal interest in any railway on the Island, or in any landed property there, nor have I, to the best of my knowledge, any friend who has a pecuniary interest in property in the Isle of Wight. I have simply taken up the case at the request of the Commons Preservation Society, and having examined the locality myself I feel that I am justified in asking the House to reject the Bill. I have only one other word to say. From something I heard in the Lobby I am given to understand that the promoters consider themselves hardly used in this objection being made on the third reading of the Bill. No doubt it would have been more advisable to make it at an earlier stage of the measure. But when it was sought to oppose it in Committee the question of *locus standi* was raised, and the opponents were not allowed to be heard. The result has been that the promoters have not been put to any expense in promoting the Bill; there has been no examination of the details of the scheme in which the public have had an opportunity of taking part; and nothing whatever has been done to satisfy the objections which have been raised. We have, therefore, been forced to oppose the Bill upon the third reading. The proposed line is simply an alternative scheme. Eight years ago Parliament granted powers to construct a line running from Newport to Freshwater, and on to Yarmouth, through the centre of the Island; but it has not yet been constructed. I will not occupy the time of the House further. A good deal more might be said, but I think I have said enough about the merits of the line; and I appeal to the House not to grant powers and concessions of this kind, from which the public will derive no benefit, but from which, on the contrary, they will suffer serious injury.

MR. WESTLAKE (Essex, Romford): I have much pleasure in seconding the Motion for the rejection of the Bill. I have no personal interest in the matter, but I am well acquainted with the locality, and I know that it is perfectly impossible for a line of railway to be carried out as proposed without inflicting serious damage upon one of the prettiest parts of the Isle of Wight. The contemplated injury would be avoided by making a cutting and turning the line round by the back of the Downs, and to do so would not be a very expensive undertaking. In the reasons which have been circulated by the promoters in support of the Bill some extraordinary statements are made. I know the place well, and I say that Freshwater Bay is not a so-called bay, but a real bay, and a very charming bay too; and it will be very seriously damaged by the cutting proposed to be made through Afton Downs. But the promoters appear to have let the cat out of the bag. They say that there are no commonable rights; but that question is in dispute. They say that the opposition is purely sentimental, and that the rejection of the Bill will deprive the landlords of the opportunity which ought to be afforded to them for the development of their property. Now, the last assertion is the real gist of the matter. They want to cover the Downs with buildings, and they want a railway in order to give access to them. If there are no commonable rights they could do that without an Act of Parliament, and would be absolute masters of the Downs, and they could do all they desire without coming here at all. The very essence of an application to Parliament is that Parliament should look to the interests of the public, and not assist a Railway Company in destroying one of the most beautiful spots in the Isle of Wight, or in determining a question which we are told is *sub judice*—namely, whether there exist commonable rights over these Downs or not. I beg to second the Amendment.

MR. LIONEL COHEN (Paddington, N.): It has been said that a railway ought only to be made for one of two objects. First, to serve the interests of the inhabitants of the locality through which it is to pass, and, next, to serve the public generally. But I am afraid that in this case the great majority of the inhabitants of Freshwater are opposed to the Bill, and that they desire its rejection. And, so far as the public are concerned, there are certainly no necessities on their part which render it desirable that Downs of this nature should be crossed and intersected by a line of railway for the purpose of affording facilities which are really not required. There are other points which render it undesirable that this Bill should receive the sanction of the House. I do not see why, in regard to Private Business, the same principle should not be adopted as that which has been adopted in reference to public measures —namely, that all contentious Business shall be hung up for another Parliament. This agreement ought the more to be observed with respect to Private Bills, as they can be taken up in the new Parliament where they leave off in this. Therefore, I hope that the House will not consent to pass a Bill against the interests of the inhabitants, which is not required in the interests of the public, especially as the measure is one which would utterly destroy one of the most beautiful Downs which exist in the Isle of Wight.

MR. ATHERLEY-JONES (Durham, N.W.): If it were not for the fact that I happen to be well acquainted with the locality in which it is proposed to construct this railway, and that I take great interest in all questions which affect it, I should not desire to take part in this discussion. But I do not wish the House to be led away upon a wrong scent, and therefore I am anxious to explain why I give a cordial assent to the second reading of the Bill. I am able to say without the slightest hesitation that there do not exist in any shape or form any common rights over these Downs. No doubt the Commons Preservation Society is a very useful Body; but the value of its contributions to the maintenance of the ancient common land of the country has been, I am bound to say, very little indeed. The Commons Preservation Society, represented by the hon. Member for Islington (Mr. R. Chamberlain) in the first instance opposed the Bill because they were of opinion that it interfered with common rights, but finding that that was a mistake they withdrew their opposition to it. They are now, at the last moment, renewing their opposition upon entirely different grounds—grounds of a purely sentimental character. As the hon. Member for Islington has been induced to come forward and oppose the third reading of the Bill, I should like to refer to one or two of the objections which have been raised. The hon. Member has stated from some vague rumour that that is a question in dispute, and that in all probability more will be heard of it hereafter. Now, I tell the hon. Member, as a lawyer, that if this railway be laid down over common land, and Parliament finds hereafter that it has been induced to pass it through this representation, there cannot be the slightest doubt that the commoners would be reinstated in the rights they now possess. ["Oh!"] I believe I am stating what is absolutely true. Then it is said that it is not for the interest of the public that this railway should be made, and an hon. Member opposite (Mr. Lionel Cohen) has said that it was petitioned against. There has also been a Petition in favour of it, and I think it would be found on inquiry that the great mass of the people in Freshwater are strongly in favour of it. Some allusion has been made to the existing coach traffic, and to the fact that the two coaches which now carry on the traffic are not more than half filled. That may be so; but it is perfectly well known to everybody that the formation of a railway has the effect of developing traffic, and it is anticipated that if this line is constructed from Chale to Freshwater it will considerably develop the trade and traffic of the locality. The real reason for the opposition to the Bill is to be found in the exclusiveness of certain landed proprietors and resident gentlemen who desire not to be invaded by that dreadful thing—a railway. It is entirely from motives of that character that this opposition has been set up. ["No!"] Hon. Members say "No;" but although I have listened attentively to the discussion I have not heard a single sound objection raised to the Bill. It has been said that powers have already been obtained from Parliament for the construction of a line from Newport to Freshwater and Yarmouth, but that the undertaking has not been carried out. At the same time it must be remembered that the line from Newport to Freshwater will cost £16,000 a-mile, whereas this line will only cost £6,000 a-mile. As we all know, the railway traffic in the Isle of Wight is limited to a particular season of the year; and, of course, it is impossible to construct an expensive line with any hope of making it remunerative. The Newport line has been abandoned, but this line can be made cheaply, and with the general consent, I believe, of the inhabitants. Therefore, as it is a line which does not in the slightest degree affect common rights, as it is for the interests of the inhabitants that it should be constructed, and as I believe the opposition to it is purely fictitious and in the interests of a few residential proprietors who are actuated by a spirit of exclusiveness, I feel bound to give a hearty support to the third reading.

MR. T. H. BOLTON (St. Pancras, N.): There appears to be some doubt, Sir, whether the hon. Member for Islington (Mr. R. Chamberlain) moved that the Bill be read a third time on this day three months.

MR. SPEAKER: No Motion has yet been made to that effect.

MR. T. H. BOLTON: Then I will supply the omission by moving that the Bill be read a third time on this day three months. I am surprised at the speech which has just been made by my hon. and learned Friend the Member for Durham (Mr. Atherley-Jones), who says that he is a friend of the preservation of commons, and yet wants to cast doubts as to the existence of common rights in connection with the beautiful Downs through which this railway is to go, and consents to the Downs themselves being destroyed by this Bill. My hon. and learned Friend also went on to argue in favour of the rights of the landowners as against the rights of the commoners. It seemed to me that the speech of my hon. and learned Friend was altogether an inconsequential speech, and I am certainly surprised that it should have been delivered by a gentleman of his logical acumen and general consistency. I should certainly like to hear what the hon. and learned Gentleman who represents the Isle of Wight (Sir Richard Webster) may have to say on the subject. I can scarcely suppose that he will be prepared to advocate this scheme, which will injure one of the most beautiful portions of the Island he represents. The scheme is promoted by interested persons—persons interested in it as the makers of the proposed railway, and as the owners of property in the locality. Their desire is to promote a speculative building scheme without regard to the beauty of the scenery or the interests of the inhabitants. I think that no satisfactory case has been made out for the passing of the Bill; and, therefore, I will adopt the usual course of moving that it be read a third time on this day three months.

Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day three months."—(*Mr. T. H. Bolton.*)

Question proposed, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."

MR. GILES (Southampton): I gathered from the remarks of the hon. Member for Islington (Mr. R. Chamberlain) that there are two objections to this Bill—the first of which is from an engineering point of view. Now, this line was designed and planned by an engineer of great experience and ability who has been employed in the construction of many railways, and who is not likely to have undertaken to lay down a railway which would be difficult to work. The next objection has reference to the question of sentiment. Now, we have all heard of the sentiment of a certain noble Lord who lives on the Island, and who objects to the intrusion of any railway into his neighbourhood; but we must remember that the same sort of sentimental feeling was manifested in many directions when railways were first proposed for the Isle of Wight. It was said that it would spoil the Island to construct any railway in it at all. But the same sentiment was used in order to stop the water supply of Manchester being brought from Thirlmere Lake; and if we were to listen to all the sentimental objections which are raised by a certain class of people we should never have any public works carried out at all. I certainly hope the House will think twice before it rejects a useful Bill of this nature on the ground of a sentimental objection of that kind. Another objection which has been urged against the construction of this line is that it will probably have no traffic. Now, I maintain that that is a question for the promoters—["Oh!"]—and I submit that when a railway is designed and is only to cost £6,000 per mile the very thinnest traffic would pay on that basis. The next objection is that a railway has already been sanctioned from Newport to Yarmouth, and because the powers conferred by that Bill have not been carried out, and the Bill is now practically dead—which is, however, by no means certain—that this measure ought to be refused. Now, the construction of that line would have cost £15,000 per mile; but as the Bill itself does not expire until August next it cannot be made use of as a ground of objection to this Bill. With regard to the present line, it will pass for eight and a-half miles out of ten and a-half along a military road with the consent of the War Office; and I think it ought to be a sufficient inducement to the House to grant a Bill that an important Department of the Government believe to be useful. The last reason I would urge in favour of the Bill is that those who are opposed to it have had an opportunity of showing their opposition to it by Petitions which might have been presented against it.

An hon. MEMBER: It has never been considered by a Select Committee.

Mr. GILES: Nevertheless, all opponents have had a full opportunity of presenting Petitions against it.

Mr. CREMER (Shoreditch, Haggerston): I feel called upon to oppose the Bill, because I do not think that it will confer any public benefit or convenience. I have had the pleasure of walking over these beautiful Downs several times in the course of my life, and I very much doubt whether, in the first instance, a railway is wanted at all. There are very few people who travel in this district, and I doubt whether, if a railway were constructed, such as is proposed by the Bill now before the House, the number of people who visit that part of the Island would be greatly increased. I do not believe that the public convenience depends upon the construction of a railway in the Isle of Wight. On the contrary, I believe that the carrying of this undertaking would mutilate, if not entirely destroy, one of the most beautiful spots in the Island. Those who are acquainted with this part of the Island know perfectly well that the Downs affected by the Bill are Downs over which the public are free to roam without let or hindrance; and on the ground that the construction of this line would undoubtedly mutilate and destroy the character of that lovely part of the Island I shall certainly oppose the Bill. We have already had some practical experience in connection with railways in the Isle of Wight. I know of no district in which railway travelling is more expensive. Visitors, I am sorry to say, get the minimum of convenience for the maximum of charge. Only last week I desired to go from Shanklin to Ryde, and from Ryde to Brading; but, to my astonishment, I found that there was no train after 5 o'clock in the evening, and if you do manage to succeed in catching a train you have to pay five times the price you would have to pay in any other part of the United Kingdom. My experience of travelling by railway in the Isle of Wight is not at this moment by any means invigorating. I think, therefore, that the House of Commons ought to pause before it consents to grant new concessions either to the existing Companies, or to any others for the construction of railways under similar conditions. Nor do I believe that this particular railway, however cheaply it may be constructed, could by any possibility ever pay. No doubt it is a pure speculation, with full knowledge on the part of the promoters that when Parliament has sanctioned the construction of a railway there are always a number of people who believe it will pay, and who are ready to subscribe the capital. In the first instance, it appears to me that the line is promoted by a handful of men for purposes widely distinct from that of public convenience. I think that by the rejection of the Bill we should be really doing the public a service, and would prevent them from investing their money in an unprofitable speculation.

Lord RANDOLPH CHURCHILL (Paddington, S.): I think it is difficult to decide upon the merits of this Bill in the absence of the hon. Gentleman the Chairman of Committees. The Chairman of Committees is the only person who could have given us authoritative information as to the examination which the Bill has received upstairs. It seems, however, to be absolutely certain that, under some technicality or other, such as the Rules which regulate the question of *locus standi*, and which are extremely technical, the public have had no opportunity of bringing their case before the House of Commons, so that the grounds of their opposition to the scheme might be inquired into. It is quite obvious, from the statement which was made by the hon. Gentleman below the Gangway opposite (Mr. R. Chamberlain), that the public have not had an opportunity of making their wishes known, and that a very strong feeling does exist with regard to the question. Therefore, as the Chairman of Committees is absent, and consequently unable to give his reasons why the House of Commons should finally depart from all control or check in this matter, I think the House will do well to refuse to proceed further with the Bill at this stage. After all, the promoters will not be much damaged. The expenses which they have already incurred have not been very large, and the Bill can be introduced again next year. It must be borne in mind that the Isle of Wight has been without this railway for hundreds and probably thousands of years; and therefore, if the people of that Island have to wait for another 12 months, they will possibly not be injured very materially. It certainly does appear, on the first blush of the case, that this is a case of promoters endeavouring to make a railway for speculative purposes on the so-called property of private individuals. It is not quite certain whether private individuals have full rights over the property through which the line is to run; but if we reject this Bill an opportunity will be afforded for deciding that question. Therefore, I hope the House will adopt the view of the hon. Member for North St. Pancras (Mr. T. H. Bolton), and postpone the Bill for another year, when it will be able to receive full examination. I trust that that proposition will receive the support of the hon. Gentleman opposite the Secretary to the Treasury.

The SECRETARY to the TREASURY (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) (Wolverhampton, E.): I have no feeling in the matter one way or the other. I think there is great force in what the noble Lord has stated as to the absence of the Chairman of Committees. The Motion of my hon. Friend the Member for Islington is to throw the Bill out; and if that Motion is adopted, of course the Bill will be gone for the whole of the year, and it will have to go through all its stages again. But if the House chooses to sanction the withdrawal of the Motion for the third reading, then it could stand over until the Autumn Session. It would be practically hung up until the new Parliament meets, and the House would then be in a position to re-commit it if it thought such a course desirable, and the whole question could then be fully gone into and fairly discussed. I wish, however, to express no feeling on the matter either one way or the other. I only wish to point out to the noble Lord and to the House that what he wants can be effected without absolutely throwing the Bill out.

Sir JULIAN GOLDSMID (St. Pancras, S.): I wish to say a word with regard to this Bill, because I think the House has forgotten one circumstance connected with it. We are told that the promoters last year obtained a Bill for the construction of a railway from Shanklin to Chale, which is to be worked in connection with the line proposed by the present Bill. Now, what have they done in order to carry out the powers which Parliament itself granted to them? Nothing at all. They do not appear to be in the slightest hurry to use the powers intrusted to them. As a matter of fact, they have no capital at all; it is a pure speculation altogether, and they want to improve their speculation by tacking another line on to it. The hon. Member for Southampton (Mr. Giles) spoke strongly in favour of the project; but the hon. Member did not inform the House that the engineer of the line was his own son.

Mr. GILES (Southampton): I beg the hon. Baronet's pardon. It is nothing of the sort. Mr. Cooper is the engineer of the line, and my son has nothing to do with it at all.

Sir JULIAN GOLDSMID: It is very well known that the hon. Member's son is connected with Mr. Cooper.

Mr. GILES: Not at all.

Sir JULIAN GOLDSMID: In any case, the promoters of the Bill have projected the line without having at their command any capital at all. In cases of this kind, Committees upstairs generally find that it is proposed to issue a large amount of Stock in excess of the actual cost of the line. This is a method adopted to pay promoters, and is one which ought not to be encouraged. It only enables promoters to make large profits and to realize a considerable bonus at the expense, and often without the knowledge, of the shareholders. I am certainly of opinion that this system of bringing forward schemes which are purely promoters' lines ought to be discouraged. If the Bill is thrown out this year there will be nothing lost, and I hope the Motion for the rejection of the Bill will be persevered in.

Mr. MOLLOY (King's County, Birr): I think the House ought to be satisfied with the cordial support which the noble Lord the Member for Paddington (Lord Randolph Churchill) has given to his new hon. Friend the Member for Islington (Mr. R. Chamberlain). That seems to me to be the only interesting feature in the whole of the debate; but I should not object to the proposition of the hon. Gentleman the Secretary to the Treasury if it can be carried out, not to destroy the Bill altogether this Session, but to give it a chance of being recommitted next year, so that we may be able to come to some better understanding as to the real merits of the case. The absence of the Chairman of Committees, who might be able to guide us, is very unfortunate; but, still, I think that the course proposed by the Government is the fairest one, as it would give all parties a chance of being heard.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (Mr. BRYCE) (Aberdeen, S.): I only desire to say one word on the question whether the House should dispose of the matter now, or allow it to stand over until the new Parliament. I think it would be better to dispose of the matter at once. The objections which have been brought forward now are most of them objections which could not be taken in Committee. They are objections which have been taken on public grounds; but in Committee the public would have no *locus standi*. It would be difficult, even by a side wind, to bring up this case again, because there is no way of ascertaining whether the Bill would be more likely to be opposed in another Session than it has been in this. Moreover, the objections which have been urged are objections upon which the House is just as competent—indeed, more competent—to pronounce an opinion than any Committee would be; and, as the Bill cannot pass in the present Session, the best thing we can do is to put the promoters out of their pain at once by rejecting it.

Question put, and *negatived.*

Main Question, as amended, put, and *agreed to.*

Third Reading *put off* for three months.

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TURKEY—RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE.

MR. DIXON-HARTLAND (Middlesex, Uxbridge) (for Sir ROBERT FOWLER) (London) asked the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Whether Her Majesty's Foreign Secretary has directed the attention of the British Embassy at Constantinople to certain orders lately issued to all the Governors General in the Ottoman Empire by the Turkish Minister of the Interior, Munir Pasha, in which orders the schools, churches, places of worship, and societies for benefiting the non-Moslem sects are referred to as "nefarious schemes," and the Governors General are directed, by means of many and scrutinizing investigations, to hinder their work; also that the same officials are directed not to allow any such churches, places of worship, &c. to be built or repaired; and, whether, under such orders, about thirty schools of Protestants in Syria have been closed within the past few months?

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (Mr. BRYCE) (Aberdeen, S.): A letter has been received from the Evangelical Alliance within the last few days, forwarding a communication from their Committee at Constantinople on the subject of two regulations recently issued. Although the description given of them by the Evangelical Alliance does not bear out the terms of the Question, the regulations, if that description be accurate, appear objectionable in tone and tendency, and in contravention of the repeated engagements entered into by the Porte for securing religious liberty to its subjects. Sir Edward Thornton has been instructed to inquire if any such regulations have been authoritatively issued, and if necessary to remonstrate. He will, of course, continue his efforts to obtain redress in any cases of religious intolerance which may come to his knowledge, as well as to endeavour to prevent the recurrence of such cases.

ARMY (AUXILIARY FORCES)—VOLUNTEERS AT ALDERSHOT.

GENERAL GOLDSWORTHY (Hammersmith), (for Admiral Sir JOHN COMMERELL) (Southampton) asked the Secretary of State for War, If it is true, as stated by *The Army and Navy Gazette*, that only 3,000 Volunteers (mostly from the home counties) are to be allowed to have a week's training at Aldershot; and, if so, taking into consideration the smallness of the Capitation Grant, which precludes on the ground of expense of the formation of a separate camp, he will reconsider his decision?

THE SURVEYOR GENERAL OF ORDNANCE (Mr. WOODALL) (Hanley) (on behalf of the Secretary of State): No, Sir; it is not the case. Invitations for Aldershot have been sent for 6,975 Volunteers. Besides these, 1,172 men of the Artillery and Engineer Volunteers are to join camps at Devonport and Chatham.

ROYAL PARKS AND PLEASURE GARDENS—KEW GARDENS.

MR. BRADLAUGH (Northampton) (for Mr. HOWARD SPENSLEY) (Finsbury, Central) asked the honourable Member for North West Staffordshire, Whether the First Commissioner of Works has arrived at a decision as to the permanent opening of Queen's Gate, Kew Gardens, as necessary to the free use of Miss North's Gallery (a gift to the Nation) and to meet the large influx of visitors (Cumberland Gate and the Lion Gate being too distant)?

MR. LEVESON GOWER (A LORD of the TREASURY) (Stafford, N.W.): The First Commissioner is not prepared to assent to the opening of the Temperate House Gate, inadvertently called the Queen's Gate, at Kew Gardens. When that gate was erected it was expected that the railway station would be placed close to it. That, however, was not done; and the First Commissioner is of opinion that when the Lichfield Road is extended to the station, a new gate at the end of that road, and immediately opposite the station, will best meet the wants of the public.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION—APPEALS—CASE OF CHARLES KELLY.

MR. BIGGAR (Cavan, W.) asked the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Whether it is true that an appeal from the decision of the Sub-Commissioners of the Irish Land Court, given on the 11th April, 1883, in the case of Charles Kelly, of Ballintoy, county Antrim, tenant, is still pending; and, whether, considering the great loss that is being sustained by the tenant in consequence of the delay, he will give instructions to have the case disposed of at once?

THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD (Mr. STANSFELD) (Halifax) (who replied) said, the appeal in this case was by the landlord. It was lodged on Tuesday last and listed for hearing yesterday, and therefore there had been no delay whatever.

CRIME AND OUTRAGE (IRELAND)—THE RIOTS AT BELFAST.

MR. BIGGAR (Cavan, W.) (for Mr. O'KELLY) (Roscommon, N.) asked the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Whether the inquiry into the origin of the late riots in Belfast and the action of the magistrates and police for their suppression will be made on oath?

THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD (Mr. STANSFELD) (Halifax) (who replied) said: The Irish Government are advised that there is no power to take evidence on oath, in cases such as that of the late riots in Belfast, without special authority from Parliament. They believe that the matters before the Belfast Commission can be adequately investigated by means of unsworn testimony.

MR. SEXTON (Sligo, S.): Will the Commission have power to compel the attendance of witnesses?

MR. STANSFELD: I cannot undertake to answer that Question; but I will make inquiry upon the subject.

METROPOLITAN IMPROVEMENTS—HEMMING'S ROW.

MR. W. H. SMITH (Strand, Westminster) asked the Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works, If steps will be at once taken to re-open the thoroughfare of Hemming's Row, which has been closed for some weeks, to the great inconvenience of the public, while the buildings on either side of the Row have been in course of demolition?

THE CHAIRMAN (Sir JAMES M'GAREL-HOGG) (Middlesex, Hornsey) said, that on inquiry he found that there was almost a certainty that the thoroughfare of Hemming's Row would be open on Monday next.

WAR DEPARTMENT—THE ROYAL ARTILLERY INSTITUTION.

MR. SEAGER HUNT (Marylebone, W.) asked the Secretary of State for War, Whether the Military authorities have decided that the reorganization of the Royal Artillery as regards its distribution into separate branches of Horse, Field, and Garrison, is not a suitable subject for the prize essay of the Royal Artillery Institution; whether on two or three occasions they have not allowed it to be the subject when proposed; whether the Military authorities can give any satisfactory reason for this; and, whether he will take steps to cause the Military authorities to reconsider their decision, and give them instructions to afford every facility for the free discussion of this subject?

THE SURVEYOR GENERAL OF ORDNANCE (Mr. WOODALL) (Hanley) (in the absence of the Secretary of State): I must remind the hon. Member that, unlike the Royal United Service Institution, the Royal Artillery Institution is altogether regimental in its character and formation. As such it is not considered desirable that questions should be discussed which might give rise to criticism on points of existing military organization; and as the subjects for the prize essay are always submitted for approval that approval was withheld when the subject in question was brought forward.

ROYAL PARKS AND PLEASURE GARDENS—CYCLISTS IN HYDE PARK AND KENSINGTON GARDENS.

Mr. BRADLAUGH (Northampton) (for Mr. Kimber) (Wandsworth) asked the honourable Member for North West Staffordshire, as representing the First Commissioner of Works, Whether the facilities which have been accorded to cyclists as regards Richmond Park can be also accorded as regards Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens; and, if not, what are the causes or reasons which stand in the way?

Mr. LEVESON GOWER (A Lord of the Treasury) (Stafford, N.W.): The First Commissioner cannot admit that the circumstances of Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens are similar to those of Richmond Park; and, looking to the crowded state of the roads in Hyde Park, he is of opinion that velocipedes safely cannot be admitted.

VENEZUELA—PROTECTION TO BRITISH SUBJECTS.

General GOLDSWORTHY (Hammersmith) (for Mr. Kimber) (Wandsworth) asked the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Whether any, and what, representations have been made by the British Vice Consul at Cuidad Bolivar, Venezuela, in reference to the treatment of British interests in Venezuela; whether it is the fact that he has obtained in reply no effectual assistance in his efforts to protect British interests; whether there is a very large community of Englishmen and English Negroes living in the mining district of Venezuela, from which the nearest English Consular authority is at Cuidad Bolivar, some 250 miles distant by road and river; and, whether, in view of the number of English Commercial Companies employing a very large amount of British capital and British labour, he will consider the desirability of appointing a Consular Officer in that district?

The UNDER SECRETARY of STATE (Mr. Bryce) (Aberdeen, S.): No representations have been made by the British Vice Consul at Cuidad Bolivar in the sense indicated by the hon. Member. We have reason to believe that a considerable number of British subjects are employed in the mining districts of Venezuela referred to; and Her Majesty's Government have, consequently, already decided to appoint a Consular Agent there.

WEST INDIAN COLONIES — THE COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON.

Mr. BADEN-POWELL (Liverpool, Kirkdale) asked the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Whether, in the correspondence between Her Majesty's Government and the United States, any arrangements have been suggested or arrived at as to the representation of the British West Indian Colonies at the Conference on Trade Arrangements among all American communities, about to be held at Washington; and, whether Her Majesty's Government intend to take part in that Conference on behalf of British communities in America?

The UNDER SECRETARY of STATE (Mr. Bryce) (Aberdeen, S.): All that Her Majesty's Government know about the proposed Conference referred to in the Question is that a Bill is now pending in the United States Congress authorizing the President of the United States to invite delegates from each of the Republics of Mexico, of Central and South America, Hayti, San Domingo, and from the Emperor of Brazil, to meet delegates on the part of the United States to deliberate on questions and measures for the mutual interest and common welfare of the American States. The British West India Colonies are not mentioned, or is Her Majesty's Government included in the invitation suggested by the Bill; but as the project is still merely in the stage of a Bill, which may or may not pass, and on which, if it passes, the President of the United States may or may not take action, the matter is evidently too hypothetical to make it necessary for Her Majesty's Government to express any opinion upon the objects contemplated in the measure, or, indeed, to arrive at any decision whatever regarding it.

CRIME AND OUTRAGE (IRELAND)—RIOTS AT MONAGHAN.

DR. COMMINS (Roscommon, S.) (for Mr. PATRICK O'BRIEN) (Monaghan, S.) asked the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Whether the Commission of Inquiry, about to be issued by the Government to inquire into the recent riots at Belfast, will be empowered to investigate the deplorable occurrences of the 8th instant at Monaghan; and, whether the conduct of the magistrates, paid and unpaid, in the several places where riots recently occurred will be investigated by said Commission?

THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD (Mr. STANSFELD) (Halifax) (who replied) said: The Irish Government do not think it necessary to have a sworn inquiry into the occurrence at Monaghan. The whole affair did not last more than half-an-hour. Not more than 30 or 40 persons were engaged in it. And there is every reason to suppose that it had its origin in a personal and not a party or political motive. As regards Belfast, the inquiry will extend, as already stated, to the action of the magistrates.

MR. SEXTON (Sligo, S.): Can they compel the attendance of witnesses?

MR. STANSFELD: I do not know. I will make inquiry.

THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT—ALLEGED OPPRESSIVE PROCEEDINGS TOWARDS MR. GODDEN AT CURACAO.

MR. BANISTER FLETCHER (Wilts, Chippenham) asked the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Whether, with reference to the acts of oppression to which Mr. Godden, a British merchant, has been subjected by the Dutch authorities in Curaçao, would he state whether the representation which has been addressed to the Netherlands Government on the subject was an official representation by Her Majesty's Government; whether Her Majesty's Government are aware that three of the grievances complained of are not affected by any question of law; and, if so, whether they will make a further representation to the Netherlands Government respecting them, with the view of obtaining immediate protection for British trade with the Island, and without waiting for the decisions of courts of law upon matters connected with other grievances; and, whether he has any objection to lay upon the Table Copies of the communications received in answer to the inquiries which have been made by Her Majesty's Government on the subjects referred to?

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (Mr. BRYCE) (Aberdeen, S.): The only matter respecting which Mr. Godden has solicited the intervention of Her Majesty's Government is the alleged excessive assessment of ground tax on his property in Curaçao. Her Majesty's Minister at the Hague was instructed to represent this case unofficially to the Netherlands Government, and to ask if there were any remedy for Mr. Godden against the injustice of which he complains. The substance of the reply of the Netherlands Government was communicated to Mr. Godden on March 2 last. There would not be any public object to be gained in return for the expense involved in printing and distributing to Members of both Houses the Correspondence which has passed on the subject. Her Majesty's Government have no cognizance of the other grievances referred to in the hon. Member's Question; but they will be very willing to do what they properly can on Mr. Godden's behalf on learning from him the nature thereof.

LANDLORD AND TENANT (IRELAND)—SALE OF LAND AT ELTON, CO. LIMERICK.

DR. COMMINS (Roscommon, S.) (for Mr. FINUCANE) (Limerick, E.) asked the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Whether the interest in the farm of Mr. Edmond Davoren, of Elton, county Limerick, was advertised for sale on the 12th of June by his landlord; whether three days before sale the sheriff of county Limerick wrote to Mr. Davoren that the sale would not take place till the 19th instant; whether the sheriff, notwithstanding such notice, sold, in Mr. Davoren's absence, the interest in his farm on the 12th June, the date originally fixed; and, whether such sale is illegal; and, if so, will the Government take steps to prevent such sales for the future?

THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD (Mr. STANSFELD) (Halifax) (who replied) said, the Irish Government were advised that this was a matter in which they could not properly intervene. If any illegality had taken place there was, of course, the legal remedy for the injured party.

ARMS ACT (IRELAND)—SEIZURE OF ARMS AT LISNASKEA, CO. FERMANAGH.

MR. HENRY CAMPBELL (Fermanagh, S.) asked the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Whether it is a fact that Mr. Dunne, ironmonger, &c. of Lisnaskea, county Fermanagh, purchased the arms which were seized by the police on the 2nd instant, for the purpose of selling them, not knowing that a licence for their sale was necessary nor that the county was proclaimed under the provisions of the Arms Act; whether Mr. Dunne is ready to make an affidavit to this effect; and, whether, therefore, the prosecution entered against him by the police will be discontinued, and permission given to him to return the arms to the senders?

THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD (Mr. STANSFELD) (Halifax) (who replied) said, the Chief Secretary gathered from the statement which the hon. Member had sent him that Mr. Dunne made the case put forward in the Question; but, as the hon. Member was aware, ignorance of the law was not a sufficient plea for its violation. No doubt, the magistrates would take into consideration all the circumstances which might be brought before them before deciding the case. The question as to how the arms were to be disposed of could not be considered until the case was concluded. If, however, the arms were declared the property of the Crown the Chief Secretary would see that the hon. Member's suggestion was not lost sight of.

CROFTERS (SCOTLAND) ACT—THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE COMMISSION.

MR. FRASER-MACKINTOSH (Inverness-shire) (for Dr. MACDONALD) (Ross and Cromarty) asked the Lord Advocate, Whether the Crofter Commissioner, Mr. Macintyre, at various rural and urban telegraph offices in the counties of Ross, Inverness, and Sutherland, gave orders that all telegrams in favour of Mr. Macintyre's appointment were to be despatched free of expense to the senders; whether Mr. William Duncan, solicitor, of Dingwall, is an applicant for the Secretaryship of the Crofters' Commission; and, whether, in his professional capacity, this gentleman has been repeatedly concerned in evictions, and is so at the present moment?

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE HOUSEHOLD (Mr. MARJORIBANKS) (Berwickshire) (who replied) said: I regret that the Lord Advocate is absent in Scotland. In his absence I have to say that this and the following Questions have very recently been put upon the Paper. The information required has been asked for, but has not yet reached the Scottish Office. With regard to Mr. William Duncan, there is no information at the Scottish Office that would lead to the inference suggested.

INLAND REVENUE—INCOME TAX IN TRALEE.

MR. E. HARRINGTON (Kerry, W.) asked the Secretary to the Treasury, If there has been in recent years (during a time of depression in trade) an increase in the impost of Income Tax in Tralee; and, whether it is true that surveyors of this tax are paid poundage on what they succeed in collecting over and above the ordinary revenue assessment?

THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY (Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER) (Wolverhampton, E.): In Tralee, as in all other parts of the United Kingdom, the rate of Income Tax varies only as it is increased or reduced by Parliament. Surveyors are paid by salary, which does not in any way depend upon the amount of tax collected.

MR. E. HARRINGTON asked whether complaints had not reached the Government that the present Surveyor of Income Tax had levied an enormous increase of Income Tax in Tralee?

MR. HENRY H. FOWLER said, he could not answer that Question without Notice.

TITHE RENT-CHARGE COMMISSIONERS (IRELAND).

MR. SEAGER HUNT (Marylebone, W.) asked the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Whether the Commissioners of Tithe Rent Charge are pressing the landowners in Ireland for payment of Tithes, even when no rent for the period claimed has been received; whether proceedings for the appointment of a receiver have been threatened in the case of Mr. Penn Gaskell, of Shanagarry, county Cork, for Tithes due up to May 1886, when the rents on his estate have only been paid up to March 1885, and those only upon a reduction of twenty-five per cent. upon the rents already reduced to the extent of fifteen per cent. making a total reduction of, say, forty per cent.; whether the Tithe Commissioners will be instructed to make a reduction corresponding to the reduction of rent; and, whether the Government will undertake to repeal the Act of 1872, 35 and 36 Vic. c. 90, so that a re-valuation fixed on the average price of corn for the previous seven years may be ready?

The PRESIDENT of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD (Mr. Stansfeld) (Halifax) (who replied) said: The Land Commissioners state that they never press for the payment of tithe rent-charge if they are satisfied that no rent has been received, and that the reason for non-payment is not—what is often the case—that other claims ranking after theirs have been paid, leaving their prior claim unpaid. In the case of Mr. Penn Gaskell, of Shanagarry, county Cork, he owed in May last three half-years' rent-charge, and offered to pay one. The Commissioners asked for the payment of a year's charge, which was actually due on November 1, 1885. Mr. Penn Gaskell replied by asking for time until July 1 next, and his application was granted. The Commissioners have no power to make a reduction in the amount due to them.

IRELAND—IMPORTATION OF NORDENFELT CARTRIDGES.

Mr. BIGGAR (Cavan, W.) (for Mr. O'Kelly) (Roscommon, N.) asked the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Whether his attention has been called to the following paragraph in *The Freeman's Journal* of 12th June:—

> "Apropos of the 'Civil War' which the Orange leaders threaten to wage at some future date, we would like to know if it is a fact that 23 cases of Nordenfelt cartridges, containing 1,000 each, and consigned to an Irish Peer not unconnected with Orange politics, were detained for two days at Holyhead recently. Furthermore, we would ask the authorities whether, in the absence of a detective who happened to be a Catholic, the cases were removed and forwarded to the consignee, viâ the North Wall;"

and, whether he will take steps to inform himself what foundation there is for the statement?

The PRESIDENT of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD (Mr. Stansfeld) (Halifax) (who replied) said: The Irish Government have seen the paragraph referred to. The cartridges were consigned legally to Lord Ardilaun, and the consignment and removal from Holyhead were with the full knowledge of the authorities. The greater number of the cases contained only 96 cartridges each; the largest not more than 350. It is understood they are intended for private use at Lord Ardilaun's residence in the West of Ireland.

Mr. SEXTON (Sligo, S.): Have the Government satisfied themselves that Lord Ardilaun intends to use all these 20,000 cartridges?

Mr. STANSFELD: I am afraid I cannot do more than read the answer sent to me; but, as I said to the hon. Member a while ago, I will make any inquiry he wishes.

NATIONAL EDUCATION (IRELAND)—THE EXAMINATIONS.

Dr. KENNY (Cork, S.) asked the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Whether the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland have recently issued a rule to the effect that, at the examination commencing July 5th, in case the sum of the values given in any subject to the several answers be not equal to at least thirty-three per cent. of the maximum marks, no value will be assigned to the answering, and the teacher will be regarded as having failed on that subject; whether failure in any one subject involves failure in the whole examination; whether, in the past, twenty per cent. was the minimum required for a pass in each subject; what proportion of the successful candidates for promotion or classification at the examinations held in July 1885 obtained thirty-three, or more than thirty-three, per cent. (the now proposed minimum) in all the obligatory subjects; and, whether he can state on whose responsibility this rule was introduced?

THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD (Mr. STANSFELD) (Halifax) (who replied) said: The Commissioners of National Education proposed to raise the minimum percentage of marks required for teachers' qualification in any subject from 20 to 33; but the change is not to take effect until July, 1887. It is the case that candidates must pass without failure in any subject in their respective programmes of examination. The information asked for regarding the examination held in July, 1885, cannot, I am informed, be made out without considerable trouble and expense.

CRIME AND OUTRAGE (IRELAND)—RIOT AT STEWARTSTOWN.

DR. TANNER (Cork Co., Mid) (for Mr. REYNOLDS) (Tyrone, E.) asked the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Whether it is a fact that, on Saturday evening the 22nd of May, about eight o'clock, an armed mob of Orangemen marched from Tullyhogue to Stewartstown, and proceeding to the Catholic Chapel, where a mission was being conducted by the Passionist Fathers, commenced playing party tunes, shouting "To —— with the Pope," and throwing stones at the congregation; whether it is a fact that several women and children were seriously injured; whether, in consequence, a riot took place between the Catholics and the Orangemen; whether Mr. Robert Wood requested Messieurs Hunt and Chambre, the other magistrates present, to give instructions to the police to disarm and disperse the Orangemen, but they refused; whether it is a fact that Sergeant Price, of the Police Force, received information early in the afternoon of the expedition, but neglected to communicate it to Mr. Wood, who lives within three minutes' walk of the Police Barrack, or to procure an adequate force for the protection of the Catholic population; and, whether, in consequence of complaints against the said Sergeant Price in former cases of disturbance, an order was made for his removal from the district, and why such order has not been carried out?

THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD (Mr. STANSFELD) (Halifax) (who replied) said: The information in the possession of the Irish Government does not bear out all the allegations in this Question; but, as a number of prosecutions arising out of the occurrence are now pending, it is better not to enter into particulars at the present time. The hon. Member has privately asked to have the matter inquired into by the Resident Magistrate of the district; but, as that gentleman will probably take part in the adjudication of the case, the Irish Government consider that he should not be asked to prejudice himself by an *ex parte* inquiry beforehand. The order for transfer of Sergeant Price was not due to complaints against him in former cases of disturbance, and he was retained in consequence of strong representations of the value of his services to the locality.

JAPAN—REVISION OF TREATIES.

MR. BADEN-POWELL (Liverpool, Kirkdale) (for Mr. SIDNEY HERBERT) (Croydon) asked the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Whether a Convention is now sitting for the purpose of revising the Treaties of 1858 and 1866 between this Country and Japan; whether he is aware that Mr. John Hartley and other merchants, being British subjects, have claims against the Japanese Government (in consequence of the violation of those Treaties on the part of that Government) which have not yet been settled; and, whether the signing of a new Treaty will prejudice those claims; and, if so, whether Her Majesty's Government will refuse to sign the Treaty until the Japanese Government have settled such claims?

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (Mr. BRYCE) (Aberdeen, S.): A Conference is now sitting at Tokio for the purpose of revising the existing Treaties between Japan and Foreign Powers. The case of Mr. Hartley is well known to Her Majesty's Government, and Questions in reference to it were asked in Parliament in February and March, 1884, and so recently as July last. My Predecessor stated that successive Secretaries of State had arrived at the conclusion that Mr. Hartley's case was not such as to justify diplomatic interference. I am not aware of any other claims by British merchants. The new Treaty, if concluded, will not prejudice the claims of British subjects.

THE MAGISTRACY (IRELAND)—MR. P. O'BEIRNE—THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Mr. BIGGAR (Cavan, W.) (for Mr. Justin M'Carthy) (Longford, N.) asked the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, If it is true that Mr. Patrick O'Beirne, of Castlepollard, was, in 1884, recommended to the Lord Lieutenant of the county of Westmeath, by the Granard Board of Guardians, for the Commission of the Peace, and that the recommendation was refused on the ground that he was then a member of the National League, and had been a member of the Land League, and that the same recommendation was sent, about two months ago, to the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, and again refused; if the reason for the refusal was the same in the latter instance as in the former; and, if the Government are of opinion that no man is qualified for the Commission of the Peace in Ireland who is a member of the National League, or was a member of the Land League?

The PRESIDENT of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD (Mr. Stansfeld) (Halifax) (who replied) said: It is the fact that Mr. O'Beirne was recommended in 1884 to the then Lord Chancellor (Sir Edward Sullivan) by the Granard Board of Guardians for the Commission of the Peace, and was not appointed. The Executive are not aware of the reasons for that result. The application is now before the present Chancellor, who has not yet come to a decision upon it. I understand there is no such rule of disqualification as is suggested in the last paragraph of the Question.

ARMY (ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT)—SMALL ARMS—THE MARTINI BREECH-BLOCK.

Mr. HENNIKER HEATON (Canterbury) asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department, Whether the statement, reported in *The Times* of the 17th instant to have been made the previous day, at the Royal United Service Institution, by Colonel Arbuthnot, Royal Artillery, Superintendent of the Royal Small Arms Factory, to the effect that the Martini breech-block is to be retained in the new Enfield Military Rifle, by the "express orders" of himself, when Secretary of State for War, is true; and, if so, on what grounds he took this action?

The SURVEYOR GENERAL of ORDNANCE (Mr. Woodall) (Hanley) who replied, said, the Martini breech-block was retained in the new Martini-Enfield rifle because, after inquiry, it was reported to the Secretary of State by his professional advisers that no sufficient grounds existed for re-opening the question as to the pattern of breech action. His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief concurred in this recommendation, and it was finally approved by the Secretary of State.

LAW AND JUSTICE (ENGLAND AND WALES)—DEVON QUARTER SESSIONS —CASE OF CHARLES TOWILL.

Mr. HOWELL (Bethnal Green, N.E.) (for Mr. Seale-Hayne) (Devon, Ashburton) asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department, If his attention has been directed to the case of Charles Towill, who was sentenced at the Devon Quarter Sessions, on the 7th of April last, to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour, for stealing a bundle of hay valued at 1*s.* 6*d.*, and recommended to mercy by the jury on the ground "that there was no real evidence that he stole the hay;" and, whether, under these circumstances, he will take steps to revise or remit the sentence?

The SECRETARY to the TREASURY (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) (Wolverhampton, E.): The attention of the Secretary of State was not called to this case until the Question of the hon. Member appeared on the Paper. He is now making careful inquiry into the circumstances, and when this is completed the hon. Member will be informed of the decision arrived at.

PALACE OF WESTMINSTER—VENTILATION OF THIS HOUSE.

Mr. ISAACS (Newington, Walworth) asked the First Commissioner of Works, Whether a report has been received from an independent professional expert who has been consulted as to the drainage of the Palace of Westminster; whether such report approves the recommendations of the Select Committee on the Ventilation of the House as to the remedial measures to be undertaken in regard to such drainage; and, whether the works involved will be carried out during the forthcoming Recess?

MR. LEVESON GOWER (A LORD of the TREASURY) (Stafford, N.W.) (who replied) said: The First Commissioner of Works yesterday received a long Report from Mr. Shone on the manner in which his system of drainage, which was recommended by the Select Committee, could be applied to the Houses of Parliament. After a conference this morning, Mr. Shone has undertaken to supply further details, more especially on the point of the practicability of carrying out these works in a short time. Of course, the time that will be available will very much depend on whether the House meets next month or in October. The First Commissioner of Works sees reason to hope that plans may be prepared which would give effect to the main recommendations of the Committee—namely, that the sewage of the House should no longer be carried away by gravitation only. I may assure the House that every exertion will be made to carry out any works that can be completed at the earliest possible moment.

SIR WALTER B. BARTTELOT (Sussex, Horsham) said, he would like to have some assurance from the Secretary to the Treasury that the works would for a certainty be commenced and carried out during the Recess. They had suffered very much during the present Session, and they should be anxious that the new House of Parliament should, at any rate, have to thank this House of Parliament for having, to the best of their power and ability, insisted on some proper drainage being carried out. He, therefore, asked the Secretary to the Treasury whether he would give an assurance that works would be carried out to effect the object which they had in view?

THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY (Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER) (Wolverhampton, E.) said that, so far as the Treasury was concerned, there should be no lack of zeal in the matter. The Treasury only had to find the money, but the First Commissioner had to decide on the works; and when he had satisfied himself as to the proper course to be adopted in order to make the House sanitarily safe he could assure his hon. Friend that the authorities at the Treasury would do their best not to oppose any technical or financial obstacle to the carrying out of the works.

TRADE AND COMMERCE—THE ANGLO-SPANISH CONVENTION.

MR. S. SMITH (Flintshire) asked the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Whether he could inform the House what steps had been taken by Her Majesty's Government and the Spanish Government respectively to carry out the terms of the Commercial Convention recently concluded with Spain; and, whether the Convention would come into force on July 1, as specified in Article 1?

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (Mr. BRYCE) (Aberdeen, S.): In reply to the Question of my hon. Friend, I may inform him that, as the House is aware, by the Customs Bill, which passed the House of Lords yesterday and now awaits the Royal Assent, Her Majesty's Government are empowered, on a day hereafter to be fixed, to carry out the terms of the Convention as regards the alteration in the division of the alcoholic scale for the Wine Duties which is provided for therein. Her Majesty's Government will, therefore, be at once in a position to perform the part of the engagement undertaken by this country. With regard to the Spanish Government, it appears that some unavoidable delay has taken place, and I fear that the consent of the Spanish Cortes to the Convention will not be obtained in time to allow of its coming into force on the date fixed—namely, July 1. In accordance, therefore, with the terms of Article 1, it will become necessary to fix a later date; and Sir Clare Ford has been instructed to approach the Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs with a view to securing that a date as early as possible —and, it is hoped, one falling in the month of July—shall be fixed for the full execution of the Convention. No time will be lost in giving the fullest publicity to whatever arrangements may be made on this subject.

IRISH LAND ACT, 1870--SEC. 9—EVICTIONS.

DR. TANNER (Cork Co., Mid) asked the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Whether, considering the extreme depression and the advantage being taken of it by evicting landlords in furthering evictions to promote exasperation and foment discontent, the Government will direct the attention of the County Court and other Judges in Ireland to their powers to stay execution in all cases of evictions for arrears of exorbitant rent under Section 9 of the Irish Land Act of 1870, where injustice or hardship may be inflicted upon the tenant by its immediate issue, as has been done recently by Mr. Waters, Q.C., the County Court Judge for the county of Waterford?

THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD (Mr. STANSFELD) (Halifax) (who replied) said: The Executive Government have no control over the Judges, and no power to make any suggestion as to the mode in which they should exercise their judicial functions.

DR. TANNER: 'Am I to understand that the Government cannot practically give any recommendation to the County Court Judges or other Judges that they should act in the manner indicated under the circumstances?

MR. STANSFELD: Clearly it does not require an Irish Secretary to say that such a proceeding would be entirely out of order. The first principle of our jurisprudence is that Judges are independent.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RETURNING OFFICERS) ACT (1875) AMENDMENT BILL.

CONSIDERATION OF LORDS' AMENDMENTS.

Order for Consideration of Lords' Amendments *forthwith* read.

MR. SEXTON (Sligo, S.) said, that in regard to the Irish Bill the Lords had gone about its consideration in a very thorough manner, for they had cut it all away except the 1st clause and a short title. They had cut out the clause providing for the payment of the Returning Officers' expenses out of therates; but the Schedule which dealt with the cheapening of expenses would have been very useful. He hoped the House would disagree with the Lords as regarded the clauses struck out.

MR. BRADLAUGH (Northampton) said that, in the absence of his hon. Colleague (Mr. Labouchere), he should not resist any Motion to agree with the Lords' Amendments; but he must say that if it were worth pressing the clause providing for the payment of the Returning Officers' expenses out of the rates at a late period of the Session at all, he regretted that those who pressed it had not carried the fight to the fullest extent. He had placed on the Paper a clause making candidates, who did not poll one-fourth of the quota electing, responsible for a share of the election expenses; and though he withdrew this in deference to a generally expressed wish to avoid contentious discussion at that stage, he should certainly, if he had the opportunity, renew that, or a like restriction, on improvident candidatures.

SIR RICHARD WEBSTER (Isle of Wight) wished to know what course Her Majesty's Government proposed to take with regard to this Bill? For his own part, he did not think that the House had sufficient information before them to enable them to decide as to what were and what were not proper charges. In 1875 the Schedule was most carefully considered by a Select Committee, and he considered it a proper course that a Committee should inquire into the matter.

MR. T. H. BOLTON (St. Pancras, N.) complained of the want of uniformity in the Returning Officers' charges. He thought that the sums fixed by the Schedules were sufficient to enable the Returning Officers to discharge their duties; and, therefore, he hoped that the House would adhere to them.

COLONEL KING-HARMAN (Kent, Isle of Thanet) said, he understood that the hon. and learned Member for South Londonderry would be satisfied if the Bill were restored to the shape in which it was originally introduced into that House. He hoped that the House would agree to the Lords' Amendments.

MR. LABOUCHERE (Northampton) said, that the 2nd and 3rd clauses, throwing the expenses of Returning Officers upon the rates and reducing the maximum charges, had been thrown out by the House of Lords. When the questions were under discussion in the House of Commons an hon. Member on the Front Opposition Bench got up and said the Bill was certain to be thrown out by the House of Lords, which was a monstrous assertion to make. He was present in the House of Lords, and saw on one side a mass of Conservative Peers and very few on the other. Lord Salisbury got up and said he would only allow the Bill to pass if these clauses were struck out. It was making a perfect farce of representative government if the House of Commons was to be threatened that a Bill would be thrown out by the House of Lords, and when it was in that House a Peer was to rise and say it should not pass unless those two clauses were struck out. He was not going to argue that they should disagree with the House of Lords, because at this period that could not be done. The House of Commons were in the position of slaves to the Conservative Leader of the House of Lords, and he thought that a monstrous position. The mode of election concerned the Members of the House of Commons very vitally. They heard a great deal at the present time of long purses being subscribed for the defeat of certain candidates. [*Cries of* "Question!"]

COLONEL KING-HARMAN asked whether the hon. Member for Northampton was in Order?

MR. SPEAKER said, he thought the hon. Member was not confining himself strictly to the Question.

MR. LABOUCHERE said, he was merely pointing out that it had been stated in the newspapers that large sums of money were being subscribed by the opponents of the present Government, and that, in the opinion of those gentlemen, it was most essential that they should have money on their side. This Bill, if those clauses had been retained, would have enabled poor men to send poor men to Parliament; it would have enabled electors to choose Representatives for themselves, instead of having Representatives chosen for them. The House of Lords had chosen to alter that, and he left the country to form an opinion as to their conduct.

SIR GEORGE CAMPBELL (Kirkcaldy, &c.) said, he sympathized with what had been stated, but pointed out that unless the Lords' Amendments were agreed to the Bill would be lost. That he thought was very hard.

MR. BRODRICK (Surrey, Guildford) said, he considered the action of the House of Lords with respect to the Schedule was perfectly justifiable. The country had never been consulted. He doubted whether the country would have approved of the expense of elections being thrown on the rates. He thought it a most questionable thing for hon. Members to transfer a charge amounting to £250,000 from its own shoulders on to those of their constituents on the eve of an election. Moreover, the principal clause in the Bill of which so much had been heard was introduced at the last moment, and that at a very late hour of the night, when the attendance of Members was small. He hoped the Government would adhere to the arrangement which had been arrived at, and take an early opportunity, if in Office next Session, of appointing a Committee to inquire into the charges of Returning Officers.

SIR JOSEPH M'KENNA (Monaghan, S.) said, he regretted that the Schedule had been struck out, but trusted that the Bill, curtailed as it was, would be allowed to pass, because it was better to have half a Bill than none at all.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD (Mr. STANSFELD) (Halifax) said that, so far as the Members of the Government in the House of Lords were concerned, in the action they had taken they had submitted to superior force. It was not a fair inference on the part of hon. Members to suppose that they were convinced by the arguments of those who excluded the Schedule from the Bill. But the real difficulty was that there was no time for conflict with the other House; and if the Bill was not accepted in its present state it would not pass into law at all this Session. As far as Great Britain was concerned, there was not a case to press against the House of Lords. The simple Bill originally introduced had been enlarged in its scope by the insertion of a clause; and he was not prepared to say that the House of Lords had exceeded their legislative rights in rejecting these particular provisions. He suggested to hon. and right hon. Gentlemen opposite, however, whether some compromise might not be arrived at as to the scale of Irish Returning Officers' charges being treated differently from those connected with England and Scotland.

MR. ROUND (Essex, N.E., Harwich) maintained that the House of Lords was acting quite within their duty, and with the entire approval of the country, in resisting the placing of Returning Officers' charges on the rates.

MR. ARTHUR O'CONNOR (Donegal, E.) said, that any undue insistance on the restoration of this Bill to the condition in which it previously left the House of Commons would certainly imperil its passing into law this year. If the Bill was desired, therefore, it was necessary that they should not prove unduly obstinate on the present occasion. Much labour had been devoted to the drafting of the measure, and he appealed to hon. Members to assist in allowing so much of the Bill as referred to Ireland to pass.

MR. W. H. SMITH (Strand, Westminster) said, that, speaking for his Friends on the Front Opposition Bench, he should have been glad if it were possible at that time to arrive at any compromise which would legitimately reduce the cost of elections; but, unfortunately, there was no time for any such compromise. In the House of Lords on Tuesday, it was, he believed, stated on the part of the Government there that if the Bill came back to the House of Lords consisting of anything more than the appeal for the taxation of charges the Members of the Government present pledged themselves not to press their Lordships to accept the Amendments. That engagement having been entered into in the other House by the Government, he thought it was hopeless to expect that any compromise could be arranged or settled now. He would appeal to hon. Gentlemen whether it would not be better, in all the circumstances, to stand by the arrangement made in the House of Lords, and leave the Schedule as to rates to a future Parliament? It had been urged, with considerable force, that sufficient time had not been given for the consideration of the Schedule. Members of Parliament themselves had an interest in seeing that the scale should not be excessive, and no effort should be wanting on the part of those with whom he acted to secure that result in an early Session.

THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY (Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER) (Wolverhampton, E.) said, he agreed entirely with the very sensible remarks made by the right hon. Member for the Strand (Mr. W. H. Smith). They were in a position in which time was absolutely their master. The House of Lords said they would throw out the Bill altogether unless it was reduced to the Appeal Clause. He sympathized very much with his Irish Friends as to this Schedule, and if he might advise them it would be not to mix the Irish Schedule in future with the English scale of charges. The whole scale in Ireland ought to be at a much lower rate. They had better take the Bill as it came down from the Lords—half a loaf was better than no bread. Enormous injustice was done at the last Election in consequence of there being no appeal from the taxing master. He, therefore, thought they should secure the advantages of the appeal, and it would be the absolute duty of the next Parliament to have a Committee appointed at the very commencement to consider on proper evidence the whole question of the Returning Officers' charges.

MR. MOLLOY (King's Co., Birr) observed that the appeal was absolutely worthless. He thought the most dignified course would be to throw out the Lords' Amendments altogether.

DR. COMMINS (Roscommon, S.) said, he agreed with his hon. Friend. The Appeal Clause would be worthless. In many cases the cost of the appeal would be more than the amount in dispute.

MR. SEXTON (Sligo, S.) hoped he might, by the indulgence of the House, be allowed to say he had been in communication with his hon. and learned Friend the Member for South Derry (Mr. T. M. Healy), and he was disposed to take the view that it was better to have the Appeal Clauses than nothing.

SIR JOHN SWINBURNE (Staffordshire, Lichfield) denied that the Bill had been sprung upon the country, as stated in the House of Lords, and as had just been stated from the Tory Benches by the hon. Member for the Guildford Division of Surrey (Mr. Brodrick). Night after night the debate on the Bill came on, but was adjourned to suit the convenience of the Tory Members opposite, and to allow of the question being thoroughly debated on both sides of the House; and it was monstrous now to declare that the House had been taken by surprise and the subject sprung on the country.

Lords' Amendments *considered,* and *agreed to.*

RETURNING OFFICERS' CHARGES (SCOTLAND) BILL.

CONSIDERATION OF LORDS' AMENDMENTS.

Order for Consideration of Lords' Amendments *forthwith* read.

MR. J. WILSON (Edinburgh, Central) observed that it was distressing that such a good and valuable Bill should be thrown out at that stage. With reference to the hints about money being collected in certain quarters to oppose the present Government — [*Cries of* "Order!"]

MR. SPEAKER said, that the hon. Member was out of Order in introducing matters which had nothing to do with the Question before the House.

MR. MARJORIBANKS (Berwickshire) said, communications had taken place with the Sheriffs throughout Scotland; and these gentlemen had generally agreed, as far as possible, to make their charges conform to the Schedule of charges set down by the Lord Advocate, but which had been struck out of the Bill by the House of Lords.

Lords' Amendments *considered,* and *agreed to.*

MEDICAL ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

CONSIDERATION OF LORDS' AMENDMENTS.

Order for Consideration of Lords' Amendments *forthwith* read.

Lords' Amendments *considered.*

DR. TANNER (Cork Co., Mid) remarked, that when the Bill was under discussion in that House a division was taken on the point whether the Universities of Aberdeen and St. Andrew's should each have a Member, or whether they should have one Member between them. On that occasion the House came to the conclusion that it would be better to treat them collectively; and, therefore, he now moved that the House should disagree with the Amendment which had come down from the Lords, giving one Member to each University.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment."—(*Dr. Tanner.*)

MR. J. A. CAMPBELL (Glasgow and Aberdeen Universities) said, that after giving to the Victoria University and the University of Durham each one representative on the Medical Council the House refused to do the same justice to the Universities of Aberdeen and St. Andrew's, although their case, and especially the case of Aberdeen, was a much stronger one than that of Victoria University and the University of Durham. That mistake had been corrected in the other House, and he hoped the Lords' Amendments would be agreed to. Aberdeen University was a Medical School, and the University of St. Andrew's, although most efficient in other respects, was not a Medical School. It was an Examining Body in medicine; it had a large number of medical graduates, and therefore might be considered fit to be intrusted with the nomination of a member to the Medical Council; but there was an incongruity in linking it with the Medical School of Aberdeen in sending a joint representative to the Medical Council. It had been said that under the present Medical Act Universities were linked together in sending representatives to the Medical Council. At present the University of Glasgow and the University of St. Andrew's were linked together for that purpose. But the practice did not work satisfactorily. It was found to be exceedingly objectionable that a large Medical School such as the University of Glasgow should not have the power to nominate a member of the Medical Council without reference to the University of St. Andrew's, which was entirely on a different footing in regard to medical education. An objection was raised on the previous occasion that what was now proposed by the Amendment of the Lords would increase too much the representation of Universities on the Medical Council; but he would point out that the University of St. Andrew's might be regarded more as representing Medical Corporations than Universities, so that what the Lords had done kept the proportion as it was at present.

THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL (Sir LYON PLAYFAIR) (Leeds, S.) said, that though he considered the arrangement in the Bill as he introduced it the best, yet, the House of Commons having divided Victoria University and the University of Durham, and as these two Scottish Universities were the only Bodies of the kind united for this purpose, he voted for a proposal to separate them as a logical consequence of the other decision. He thought they should agree to the Lords' Amendment.

Mr. SEXTON (Sligo, S.) said, he would urge his hon. Friend not to press his objection.

Motion, by leave, *withdrawn.*

Remaining Amendments *agreed to.*

LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

CONSIDERATION OF LORDS' AMENDMENTS.

Order for Consideration of Lords' Amendments to Commons' Amendments to Lords' Amendments *forthwith* read.

Mr. SEXTON (Sligo, S.) said, he objected to the Amendments on the ground that they were a breach of the understanding which had been arrived at. The House had accepted all the Lords' Amendments except three, and it was understood that with respect to those the Bill was to be restored to its original form. But the Lords had now introduced Amendments with respect to the definition of agricultural labourers, the home farm, and the compulsory purchase of land. He would not move to disagree with these Amendments, as it would be useless; but he protested against them.

Mr. BRODRICK (Surrey, Guildford) said, he agreed with the objection of the hon. Member to the new definition of "agricultural labourer," and would suggest that the House disagree with that Amendment; and he had authority to say that, if the other Amendments were agreed to, the Lords would not be unwilling to restore the original definition made in that House.

Lords' Amendments *considered.*

Several Amendments *disagreed to;* several *agreed to.*

Committee *appointed,* "to draw up Reasons to be assigned to The Lords for disagreeing to the Amendments to which this House hath disagreed:"—Mr. Henry H. Fowler, Mr. Stansfeld, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Brodrick, Mr. Leveson Gower, Colonel King-Harman, and Mr. Arnold Morley;—To withdraw immediately; Three to be the quorum.

EAST INDIA (REVENUE ACCOUNTS).

REPORT.

Resolution [June 21] *reported.*

CASE OF MR. MOORE.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

Lord RANDOLPH CHURCHILL (Paddington, S.) said, he wished to take that opportunity of calling attention to some remarks made in his absence on Monday night by the hon. Member for Kirkcaldy (Sir George Campbell) with reference to Mr. Moore. Those remarks, as reported, appeared to be in the nature of a personal attack upon himself, and also an attack upon the character of one of the very best public servants whom the country ever possessed. The hon. Gentleman was reported to have said, in the discussion on the Indian Budget on Monday, that—

> "He protested against the waste of money resulting from the re-arrangement of offices which enabled gentlemen in the prime of life to retire upon large pensions. He found that a Mr. Moore, who had retired on a pension of £800 per annum in consequence of so-called re-arrangement of offices, had been acting as Private Secretary to the noble Lord the late Secretary for India. He did not know who was responsible for that matter, but he could not help regarding it as a monstrous and a gross job."

The hon. Member was reported to have accused him (Lord Randolph Churchill) of having been guilty of a monstrous job in appointing Mr. Moore as his Private Secretary, and also, he supposed, of having been guilty of a gross job in regard to the re-arrangement of offices——

Sir GEORGE CAMPBELL (Kirkcaldy, &c.): Perhaps the noble Lord will allow me to explain. I said nothing of the kind.

Lord RANDOLPH CHURCHILL: The hon. Gentleman will have his opportunity of speaking afterwards. In the interests of the gentleman in question he was bound to take notice of the matter. The re-organization scheme under which Mr. Moore retired from service in India was approved by the Secretary of State (the Earl of Kimberley) in Council on January 6, 1885. Its author was Mr. Godley, now Permanent Under Secretary of State for India, and it was considered by the Finance Committee of the Council and by the Council itself. In accordance with that re-organization the number of appointments in the higher grades of the Service was reduced, and the salaries in the lower grades were increased. The result was a saving, prospective if not immediate, which was thought to be for the interests of the Public Service. In order that the scheme might be brought into operation it was thought that such of the existing holders of the offices dealt with as were willing to retire should be allowed to do so. One of the provisions of the scheme authorized the Secretary of State to grant a pension for past services without the production of the usual certificate of incapacity for further service. In accordance with the provisions of this scheme Mr. Moore, having served 26 years in the India Office, and having been originally in the employ of the old East India Company, tendered his resignation on February 3, 1885, and the resignation took effect on the 24th of June, the latest possible date under the terms of the scheme. It was accepted by Lord Kimberley on May 15, a month before the Government went out of Office. Mr. Moore was granted £733 per annum, which was the pension he had earned; not £800, as the hon. Member said. These were the circumstances which the hon. Member apparently thought could justly be described as amounting to a gross and monstrous job. The transaction was no more in the nature of a job than was the retirement of the hon. Gentleman himself from the Indian Service. The hon. Member retired at the age of 50, in the prime of life—he might say, judging from the hon. Member's appearance, in the youth of life. Then the hon. Member retired on a pension of £1,000 a-year. But more than that. On the hon. Gentleman's retirement he was appointed to a seat on the Indian Council at a salary of £1,200 a-year. Yet the hon. Member objected to the retirement of Mr. Moore on a pension of £733 a-year, and his employment afterwards by himself (Lord Randolph Churchill) at the small and inadequate salary of £300 a-year. He supposed that his appointment of Mr. Moore as his Secretary was the gross political job of which the hon. Member complained.

Sir GEORGE CAMPBELL: No, no; I deny that.

Lord RANDOLPH CHURCHILL said, that on taking Office he learned by the greatest piece of good fortune that Mr. Moore's services were available, and the entire India Department told him that if he could secure Mr. Moore's services he should be exceptionally fortunate. Mr. Moore's experiences were conspicuously exceptional; and certainly if during the time he (Lord Randolph Churchill) was at the India Office he had been able to discharge the duties with any degree of satisfaction, it was greatly owing to the assistance he received from Mr. Moore. He supposed he should not, in the opinion of the hon. Member for Kirkcaldy, have been perpetrating a gross job if he had put a near relative of his own into this lucrative office, as the present Secretary of State had done. Instead of taking that course, he had endeavoured to secure the services of the best man that the Indian Service could produce. Until he became Secretary of State he was unacquainted with Mr. Moore. He had thought it right, in justice to Mr. Moore—about himself he did not care—to make these observations, in order that the public might not be misled by the accusations of the hon. Member.

Sir GEORGE CAMPBELL said, he thought the tone of the noble Lord's speech was somewhat hard upon him, because when the noble Lord informed him of his intention to bring the matter before the House he had told the noble Lord that he had entirely misapprehended the purport of his speech. He did not intend to make an attack on the noble Lord, or upon Mr. Moore. The report of his speech which appeared in *The Times* was condensed to about a fifth of what he really said, and he was not at all surprised that it should have conveyed a false impression to the noble Lord. What he denounced as a monstrous and gross job was not the appointment of Mr. Moore by the noble Lord as his Private Secretary, but those who shunted Mr. Moore while he was still in the prime of life, and gave him a pension. In that respect he thought the noble Lord had proved his (Sir George Campbell's) case to the very hilt. He still said that the system under which such a man was shunted by the re-organization of offices was a monstrous and gross job. Re-organization was popular in all offices, for it enabled efficient men to retire with three-fourths of their salaries and accelerated promotion. But such re-arrangements took place too often in many public offices. As regarded what had been said about himself, he wished to say that he did not enjoy a pension at all; he enjoyed an annuity—the result of a contract for which he paid largely himself; and the noble Lord was greatly mistaken if he supposed he (Sir George Campbell) was associated with any re-organization, or that he received anything whatever he was not entitled to under the strict law of contract.

THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY (Mr. HENRY H. FOWLER) (Wolverhampton, E.) said, that the hon. Member for Kirkcaldy, after having been face to face with the noble Lord opposite, now, in the absence of the Under Secretary for India, charged Lord Kimberley with having been guilty of a gross political job, and had repeated the statement over and over again without having brought forward a single bit of evidence——

SIR GEORGE CAMPBELL said, he had made the statement originally in the presence of the Under Secretary for India, who had the opportunity of contradicting it.

MR. HENRY H. FOWLER said, it had been contradicted already, and he would contradict it again. The Indian Council determined to re-organize this particular branch of the Indian Service, and Mr. Moore was perfectly within his right in retiring. The Secretary of State very much objected to Mr. Moore's retirement, and very much deplored the loss of his services. Mr. Moore's place had not been filled up, and there was consequently an actual saving in the office. He dared say Mr. Moore, if he were present, would characterize the amount he received, not as a pension, but as an annuity. The hon. Gentleman first charged the noble Lord opposite with being guilty of a monstrous political job, and, the noble Lord having completely pulverized the case, the hon. Gentleman then went on to make a similar charge against Lord Kimberley. He much regretted that the hon. Gentleman had thought it necessary to make these serious charges, for which there was really not the slightest foundation.

MR. W. H. SMITH (Strand, Westminster) said, he thoroughly agreed with the observations which had fallen from the right hon. Gentleman (Mr. Henry H. Fowler). He had often himself regarded re-organizations with considerable jealousy; but no greater mischief could be done by those who wished to watch these re-organizations than to speak of an economical, wise, and proper re-organization in the way the hon. Member for Kirkcaldy (Sir George Campbell) had spoken. It was part of the contract into which a public servant entered that if he was retired compulsorily he was to receive a pension, and Mr. Moore was perfectly within his own right in availing himself of the opportunity offered to him to withdraw from the Public Service. He protested against the language of the hon. Gentleman as calculated to do great injury to the Public Service as a whole, and to place great obstacles in the way of an economical re-organization.

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER (Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH) (Lancaster, Clitheroe) said, that everyone in the India Office much regretted Mr. Moore's retirement. The unfortunate consequence of bringing these personal matters into debate was that one personality led to another; and he simply wished to say that he listened with extreme regret both to what the noble Lord opposite had said with regard to the present Private Secretary of the present Secretary of State, and also to the language used by the hon. Member behind him with regard to another appointment.

LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL said, all he had urged was that if his appointment of Mr. Moore, who was a stranger, as his Private Secretary was a gross political job, obviously the appointment by Lord Kimberley of his son to the same position was still more a job.

SIR UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH said, he was glad to hear that the noble Lord did not imply that that appointment was a job.

LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL: Not at all.

SIR UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH said, that nothing could be more excellent than the way in which that gentleman discharged his duties.

Resolution *agreed to.*

MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE (IRELAND) BILL.—[BILL 9.]

(*Mr. James O'Brien, Mr. Timothy Harrington, Mr. Richard Power, Mr. Mayne, Mr. Peter M'Donald.*)

THIRD READING.

Order for Third Reading read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read the third time."

Notice taken, that 40 Members were not present; House counted, and 40 Members not being present,

House adjourned at five minutes after Eight o'clock.

HOUSE OF LORDS,

Friday, 25*th June*, 1886.

MINUTES.]—Public Bills—*Royal Assent*—Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 26]; British North America [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 35]; West Indian Incumbered Estates [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 36]; Infants [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 27]; Bankruptcy (Agricultural Labourers' Wages) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 28]; Crofters (Scotland) (No. 2) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 29]; Patriotic Fund [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 30]; Idiots [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 25]; Oxford University (Justices) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 31]; International and Colonial Copyright [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 33]; Contagious Diseases (Animals) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 32]; Incumbents of Benefices Loans Extension [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 34]; Patents Amendment [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 37]; Losses by Riot (Compensation) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 38]; Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 39]; Coal Mines [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 40]; Customs [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 41]; Revising Barristers' Appointment [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 42]; Revising Barristers (Ireland) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 43]; Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 44]; Public Works Loans [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 45]; Public Works Loans (Tramways Ireland) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 46]; Land Tax Commissioners Names [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 47]; Medical Acts Amendment [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 48]; Peterhead Harbour of Refuge [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 49]; Terms of Removal (Scotland) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 50]; Poor Law Loans and Relief (Scotland) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 51]; Married Women (Maintenance in Case of Desertion) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 52]; Sea Fishing Boats (Scotland) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 53]; Tithe Rentcharge (Extraordinary) Redemption [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 54]; Shop Hours Regulation [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 55]; Intoxicating Liquors (Sale to Children) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 56]; Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers) Act (1875) Amendment [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 57]; Returning Officers Charges (Scotland) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 58]; Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 59]; Post Office Sites [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. li]; Turnpike Roads (South Wales) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. lii]; Westminster Abbey Restoration [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. liii].

Provisional Order Bills — *Royal Assent* — Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Public Health Act) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. liv]; Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Fermoy) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. lv]; Gas Provisional Orders (No. 1) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. lvi]; Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. lvii]; Municipal Corporations (Scheme Confirmation) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. lviii]; Gas and Water Provisional Orders [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. lix]; Water Provisional Orders [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. lx]; Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. lxi]; Police and Improvement (Scotland) Provisional Order (Leith) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. lxii]; Tramways Order in Council (Ireland) [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. lxiii].

PROROGATION OF THE PARLIAMENT—HER MAJESTY'S SPEECH.

The PARLIAMENT was this day prorogued by Commission.

The LORD CHANCELLOR (Lord Herschell) acquainted the House that Her Majesty had been pleased to grant two several Commissions; one for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Bills agreed to by both Houses of Parliament, and the other for proroguing the Parliament:—And the Lords Commissioners—namely, The Lord Chancellor; The Lord Chamberlain (The Earl of Kenmare); The Earl of Elgin (First Commissioner of Works); The Lord Monson (Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard); and The Lord Sudeley—being in their Robes, and seated on a Form between the Throne and the Woolsack; and the Commons being come, with their Speaker, and the Commission to that purpose being read, the Royal Assent was given to several Bills.

Then The LORD CHANCELLOR, pursuant to Her Majesty's Command, delivered Her Majesty's Speech, as follows:—

"*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

"I have determined to release you from your high duties before the full accomplishment of the regular work of the Session, in order to ascertain the sense of my people upon the important proposal to establish a Legislative Body in Ireland for the management of Irish as distinguished from Imperial affairs.

"With this view, it is my intention immediately to dissolve the present Parliament.

"I continue happily to maintain the most friendly relations with all Foreign Powers.

"I have the satisfaction of acquainting you that the warlike operations of Servia against Bulgaria were, after a time, brought to a close through the wise counsels of the Powers and the forbearance of the Sultan; as also that after a period of anxiety the adoption of pacific counsels in Greece, and the disarmament now in progress under the orders of its Government, have removed a serious danger to the peace of the East of Europe.

"The state of affairs in Egypt has improved, and I have been enabled materially to reduce my force in that country, and to bring it within the southern limits of Egypt proper.

"I have concluded an arrangement with the Government of Spain which, if it should be adopted by the Cortes, will, I trust, increase our commercial intercourse with that country, and will also encourage the importation of colonial wines.

"I have felt a lively pleasure in promoting the Exhibition of the Products, Manufactures, and Arts of my Colonial and Indian Dominions, which is now being held in this Metropolis. I feel that this enterprise, and the cordial interest in it which is exhibited by the people, at once prove the sympathy which unites the several portions of the Empire, and powerfully tend to confirm and promote that sympathy.

"*Gentlemen of the House of Commons*,

"I thank you for the liberal supplies which you have provided in order to meet the exigencies of the public service, until a new Parliament shall have an opportunity to complete the amounts necessary for the full service of the year.

"*My Lords, and Gentlemen*,

"It is with great satisfaction that I have given my assent to the Bill for amending the laws affecting the Crofters of the Highlands, to the Bill for effecting important reforms in connection with the Medical Profession, and to the Bill for amending the law relating to the Custody and Guardianship of Children.

"I have given my consent to a Bill making such changes in the Law of International Copyright as are necessary to enable this country to enter the International Copyright Union contemplated by the Convention about to be signed at Berne. In this Bill the opportunity has been taken of conferring on Colonial and Indian authors the benefits of copyright, valid and uniform in every part of my Dominions.

"Finally, it is my earnest prayer that the Parliament about to be elected may be so guided as to promote the peace, happiness, and contentment of my people, and the strength and union of the Empire."

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

After which,

THE LORD CHANCELLOR said—

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in Her Majesty's Name, and in obedience to Her Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Thursday the Fifteenth day of July next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Fifteenth day of July next.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

Friday, 25th June, 1886.

The House met at a quarter after Five of the clock.

PROROGATION OF THE PARLIAMENT.

Message to attend The Lords Commissioners;—

The House went;—and a Royal Commission to that purpose having been read, the *Royal Assent* was given to several Bills.

And afterwards Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor (in pursuance of Her Majesty's Command).

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

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[PROCLAMATION.]

BY THE QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION,

For Dissolving the present Parliament, and declaring the Calling of another.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, to dissolve this present Parliament, which stands prorogued to *Thursday* the Fifteenth Day of *July* next: We do, for that End, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said Parliament accordingly: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs, of the House of Commons, are discharged from their Meeting and Attendance on the said *Thursday* the Fifteenth Day of *July* next: And We, being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People, and to have their Advice in Parliament, do hereby make known to all Our loving Subjects Our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a new Parliament: And do hereby further declare, that, with the Advice of our Privy Council, We have given Order that Our Chancellor of that Part of Our United Kingdom called *Great Britain* and Our Chancellor of *Ireland* do respectively, upon Notice thereof, forthwith issue out Writs, in due Form and according to Law, for calling a new Parliament: And We do hereby also, by this Our Royal Proclamation under Our Great Seal of Our United Kingdom, require Writs forthwith to be issued accordingly by Our said Chancellors respectively, for causing the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, who are to serve in the said Parliament, to be duly returned to, and give their Attendance in, Our said Parliament on the Fifth Day of *August* next: which Writs are to be returnable in due course of Law.

Given at Our Court at *Windsor*, this Twenty-sixth Day of *June*, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and in the Fiftieth Year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

[*To follow Text.*]

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TABLE OF ALL THE STATUTES

PASSED IN THE FIRST SESSION OF

THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

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49 & 50 VICTORIA.—A.D. 1886.

PUBLIC GENERAL ACTS.

1. AN Act to make temporary provision for the conduct of the Business of the Office of Land Registry.
2. An Act to declare the meaning of Section Eleven of the Freshwater Fisheries Act, 1878, so far as regards Eels.
3. An Act to remove Doubts as to the Validity of certain Marriages.
4. An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five and one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.
5. An Act for extending, with Amendments, to Grounds for Drill and other Military Purposes, the Enactments relating to the Acquisition and Regulation of Rifle Ranges.
6. An Act to continue the Glebe Loans (Ireland) Acts.
7. An Act to apply the sum of twelve million seven hundred and thirteen thousand three hundred and eighteen pounds out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.
8. An Act to provide, during twelve months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army.
9. An Act to amend the Prisons Act of 1877, so far as regards the Superannuation of Prison Officers.
10. An Act to repeal the Contagious Diseases Acts, 1866 to 1869.
11. An Act to provide for the Payment of Compensation for Damage done during a certain Riot in the Metropolitan District.
12. An Act to amend the Bankruptcy (Office Accommodation) Act, 1855.
13. An Act to provide for the transfer to the Dominion of Canada of the Lighthouse at Cape Race, Newfoundland, and its appurtenances, and for other purposes connected therewith.
14. An Act for extending the Hours within which Marriages may be lawfully solemnized.
15. An Act to amend the Law as to the Rating of Lands occupied for Sporting purposes in Scotland.
16. An Act to amend the Law in regard to the Vacating of Seats in the House of Commons.
17. An Act to make temporary provision for the better Relief of the destitute Poor in Ireland.
18. An Act to grant certain Duties of Customs and Inland Revenue, and to amend the laws relating to Inland Revenue.
19. An Act to suspend for a period certain Payments under the National Debt Act, 1881; and to reduce for a like period the Permanent Annual Charge of the National Debt.
20. An Act to amend the Law in respect to the Discovery and Interment of Persons drowned.
21. An Act to amend the Burial Grounds (Scotland) Act, 1855.
22. An Act to amend the Enactments relating to Offices, Stations, and Buildings for the Metropolitan Police Force.
23. An Act to amend the Companies Acts of 1862, 1867, 1870, 1877, 1879, 1880, and 1883.
24. An Act to continue and amend for a further limited period the Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1881.
25. An Act for giving facilities for the care, education, and training of Idiots and Imbeciles.

26. An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.
27. An Act to amend the Law relating to the Guardianship and Custody of Infants.
28. An Act to amend the Law relating to Bankruptcy so far as relates to Agricultural Labourers' Wages.
29. An Act to amend the Law relating to the Tenure of Land by Crofters in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and for other purposes relating thereto.
30. An Act to amend the Patriotic Fund Acts, 1867 and 1881.
31. An Act to remove doubts respecting the sitting and acting of the Chancellor and other Officers of the University of Oxford as Justices of the Peace.
32. An Act to amend the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878.
33. An Act to amend the Law respecting International and Colonial Copyright.
34. An Act to extend the time for the Repayment of Loans granted by the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy to Incumbents of Benefices.
35. An Act respecting the Representation in the Parliament of Canada of Territories which for the time being form part of the Dominion of Canada, but are not included in any Province.
36. An Act to provide for the determination of the Acts respecting the Sale and Transfer of Incumbered Estates in the West Indies.
37. An Act to remove certain doubts respecting the construction of the Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks Act, 1883, so far as respects the drawings by which specifications are required to be accompanied, and as respects exhibitions.
38. An Act to provide Compensation for Losses by Riots.
39. An Act to amend the Law relating to Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries.
40. An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1872.
41. An Act to alter certain duties of Customs and to amend the laws relating to the Customs, and for other purposes.
42. An Act for amending the Law as to the appointment of Revising Barristers in England.
43. An Act to amend the Law relating to the Appointment of Revising Barristers and the attendance of County Officers at Revision Courts in Ireland.
44. An Act further to amend the Acts relating to the raising of Money by the Metropolitan Board of Works; and for other purposes.
45. An Act to grant Money for the purpose of loans by the Public Works Loan Commissioners, the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the Irish Land Commissioners, and the Fishery Board for Scotland, and to amend the Acts and make other provisions relating to the above-mentioned Commissioners and Board.
46. An Act to amend the Act of the sixth and seventh years of William the Fourth, chapter one hundred and eight.
47. An Act to appoint additional Commissioners for executing the Acts for granting a Land Tax and other Rates and Taxes.
48. An Act to amend the Medical Acts.
49. An Act to empower the Admiralty to form a Harbour of Refuge at Peterhead, in the county of Aberdeen, and to execute and maintain breakwater piers and other works and conveniences in connection therewith; and for other purposes.
50. An Act to amend the Law relating to the Terms of Removal from Houses in Scotland.
51. An Act to make provision for the borrowing of Money by Parochial Boards, and for other purposes relating to the Relief of the Poor in Scotland.
52. An Act to amend the Law relating to the Maintenance of Married Women who shall have been deserted by their Husbands.
53. An Act to amend the law relating to Sea Fishing Boats in Scotland.
54. An Act to amend the Tithe Commutation Acts as to Extraordinary Tithe Rentcharge on hop grounds, orchards, fruit plantations, and market gardens, and to provide for fixing the capital value thereof and the redemption of the same.
55. An Act to limit the Hours of Labour of Children and Young Persons in Shops.
56 An Act for the Protection of Children against the Sale to them of Intoxicating Liquors.
57. An Act to amend the provisions of the Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers) Act, 1875.
58. An Act to regulate the Expenses and to control the Charges of Returning Officers at Parliamentary Elections in Scotland.
59. An Act to amend the Labourers (Ireland) Acts.

The Acts contained in the following List, being Public Acts of a Local Character, are placed amongst the Local and Personal Acts.

i. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Drainage and Improvement of Lands Act (Ireland), 1863, and the Acts amending the same, relating to the Glasheen River Drainage District, in the County of Cork.

xiv. An Act to confirm a Scheme under the Metropolitan Commons Act, 1866, and the Metropolitan Commons Amendment Act, 1869, relating to Chislehurst Common.

xv. An Act to confirm the Provisional Order for the Regulation of Stoke Common, situated in the parishes of Stoke, Wyken, and Saint Michael, Coventry, in the county of Warwick, in pursuance of a report of the Land Commissioners for England.

xvi. An Act to confirm the Provisional Order for the Regulation of the Commons, and the Provisional Order for the Inclosure of the Common Fields, situated in the parish of Totternhoe, in the county of Bedford, in pursuance of a Report of the Land Commissioners for England.

xvii. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Borough of Aberavon, the Local Government District of Great Harwood, the Improvement Act District of Leek, the Local Government Districts of Bognor (two) and Shepton Mallet, and the District of Weston super Mare.

xviii. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the City and Borough of Bath, the Borough of Harrogate, the Local Government District of Hendon, the Boroughs of Plymouth and Ramsgate, the Local Government District of Reddish, and the Borough of Shrewsbury.

xix. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board under the provisions of the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1867, as extended by the Poor Law Act, 1879, relating to the Townships of Manchester and Hulme.

xx. An Act to confirm certain Orders of the Local Government Board under the provisions of the Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act, 1876, as amended and extended by the Poor Law Act, 1879, relating to the Parishes of Glinton, Greetwell, Mappleton, Maxey, Newborough, Northborough, Okeover, Peakirk, Snelston, Thorpe, and Willingham Cherry; to the Townships of Alkmonton, Biggin, Calwich, Clifton and Compton, Ellastone, Hollington, Hulland, Longford, Mayfield, Newball, Newton Grange, Prestwood, Rand, and Shirley; to the Chapelries of Bullington and Fulnetby; and to the Liberty of Offcote and Underwood.

xxi. An Act to confirm certain Orders of the Local Government Board under the provisions of the Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act, 1876, as amended and extended by the Poor Law Act, 1879, relating to the Parishes of Ashburnham (two), Brightling, Catsfield, Dallington (two), Hartwell, Ninfield, Stoke Mandeville, and Warbleton.

xxii. An Act to confirm certain Orders of the Local Government Board under the provisions of the Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act, 1876, as amended and extended by the Poor Law Act, 1879, relating to the Parishes of Blandford-Saint-Mary, Bryanston, Charlton-Adam, Charlton-Mackrell, Compton-Dundon, King-Weston, Llangynog, Llanrhaidr-yn-Mochnant (Montgomery), Llanrhaidr-yn-Mochnant (Denbigh), Pennant, Pimperne, Steepleton Preston, Tarrant-Keynston, Tarrant-Rushton, Turnworth, Winterborne-Clenston, and Winterborne-Stickland.

xxiii. An Act to confirm certain Orders of the Local Government Board under the provisions of the Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act, 1876, as amended and extended by the Poor Law Act, 1879, relating to the Parishes of Beaumont, Crosby-upon-Eden, Saint-Cuthbert's-Without (Carlisle), and Stanwix; and to the Townships of Cassop, East Heddon, Fawdon, Newburn, Newburn-Hall, Quarrington, South Gosforth, Throckley, and Wallbottle.

xxiv. An Act to confirm certain Orders of the Local Government Board under the provisions of the Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act, 1876, as amended and extended by the Poor Law Act, 1879, relating to the Parish of Marton-with-Moxby; to the Townships of Ampleforth-Birdforth, Ampleforth-Oswaldkirk, Ampleforth-Saint-Peter, Ayton West, Burniston, Byland (Coxwold), Cloughton, Harwooddale, Husthwaite, Hutton-Bushel, Oswaldkirk, Scalby, Silpho, Thornton-with-Baxly, and Wass; and to the Chapelry of Farlington.

li. An Act to enable Her Majesty's Postmaster-General to acquire Lands in Birmingham for the Public Service.

lii. An Act to further amend the Law relating to Turnpike Roads in South Wales.

liii. An Act to enable the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to make an advance to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster for the restoration and repair of Westminster Abbey.

liv. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Dromore West and Kilrush Unions.

lv. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Town of Fermoy.

lvi. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Chertsey Gas, Loughborough Gas, Melksham Gas, Menai Bridge Gas, and Pocklington Gas.

lvii. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders under the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1863, and the Acts amending the same, relating to the Upper Nanny River Drainage District in the County of Meath, and the Greanagh River Drainage District in the County of Limerick.

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lx. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Cranleigh Water, Farnham Water, Frith Hill, Godalming, and Farncombe Water, Howden Water, and Tonbridge Water.

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lxii. An Act to confirm an Order of the Secretary for Scotland under the provisions of the General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act, 1862, relating to the Burgh of Leith.

lxiii. An Act to confirm an Order in Council of the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council in Ireland relating to the Cork, Coachford, and Blarney Light Railway.

LOCAL ACTS.

The Titles to which the Letter **P.** *is prefixed are Public Acts of a Local Character.*

P. i. AN Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Drainage and Improvement of Lands Act (Ireland), 1863, and the Acts amending the same, relating to the Glasheen River Drainage District, in the County of Cork.

ii. An Act for enabling the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England to convey and the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London to acquire and hold as open spaces certain lands at Highgate and Kilburn in the County of Middlesex and for other purposes.

iii. An Act for the Abandonment of the Beaconsfield, Uxbridge and Harrow Railway.

iv. An Act to extend the Time for the Completion of the Forth Bridge Railway.

v. An Act to make further provisions with respect to the Superannuation Fund for the Police of the West Riding of the county of York.

vi. An Act for amending the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company's Act, 1878; and for other purposes.

vii. An Act for making a Railway from Listowel to Ballybunion in the county of Kerry; and for other purposes.

viii. An Act for empowering the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London to make further and better provisions with reference to the London Central Markets; and for other purposes.

ix. An Act to authorise the construction of a Bridge over the River Avon from Bristol to Totterdown and for other purposes.

x. An Act for extending and completing the buildings of the University of Edinburgh; the acquisition of lands; and other purposes.

xi. An Act to consolidate the Preference Stocks of the Southampton Dock Company and to enable the London and South Western Railway Company to subscribe to the Capital of that Company and for other purposes.

xii. An Act for making a Railway between Bray and Enniskerry in the county of Wicklow; and for other purposes.

xiii. An Act to revive the powers and to extend the periods for the compulsory purchase of lands and to extend the periods for the completion of certain authorised railways by the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company and to confer further powers on the Company with reference to their capital and to the Shillelagh and Newtownbarry Light Railway and for other purposes.

P. xiv. An Act to confirm a Scheme under the Metropolitan Commons Act, 1866, and the Metropolitan Commons Amendment Act, 1869, relating to Chislehurst Common.

P. xv. An Act to confirm the Provisional Order for the Regulation of Stoke Common, situated in the parishes of Stoke, Wyken, and Saint Michael, Coventry, in the county of Warwick, in pursuance of a report of the Land Commissioners for England.

P. xvi. An Act to confirm the Provisional Order for the Regulation of the Commons, and the Provisional Order for the Inclosure of the Common Fields, situated in the parish of Totternhoe, in the county of Bedford, in pursuance of a Report of the Land Commissioners for England.

P. xvii. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Borough of Aberavon, the Local Government District of Great Harwood, the Improvement Act District of Leek, the Local Government Districts of Bognor (two) and Shepton Mallet, and the district of Weston super Mare.

P. xviii. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the City and Borough of Bath, the Borough of Harrogate, the Local Government District of Hendon, the Boroughs of Plymouth and Ramsgate, the Local Government District of Reddish, and the Borough of Shrewsbury.

P. xix. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board under the provisions of the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1867, as extended by the Poor Law Act, 1879, relating to the Townships of Manchester and Hulme.

P. xx. An Act to confirm certain Orders of the Local Government Board under the provisions of the Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act, 1876, as amended and extended by the Poor Law Act, 1879, relating to the Parishes of Glinton, Greetwell, Mappleton, Maxey, Newborough, Northborough, Okeover, Peakirk, Snelston, Thorpe, and Willingham Cherry; to the Townships of Alkmonton, Biggin, Calwich, Clifton and Compton, Ellastone, Hollington, Hulland, Longford, Mayfield, Newball, Newton Grange, Prestwood, Rand, and Shirley; to the Chapelries of Bullington and Fulnetby; and to the Liberty of Offcote and Underwood.

P. xxi. An Act to confirm certain Orders of the Local Government Board under the provisions of the Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act, 1876, as amended and extended by the Poor Law Act, 1879, relating to the Parishes of Ashburnham (two), Brightling, Catsfield, Dallington (two), Hartwell, Ninfield, Stoke Mandeville, and Warbleton.

P. xxii. An Act to confirm certain Orders of the Local Government Board under the provisions of the Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act, 1876, as amended and extended by the Poor Law Act, 1879, relating to the Parishes of Blandford-Saint-Mary, Bryanston, Charlton-Adam, Charlton-Mackrell, Compton-Dundon, King-Weston, Llangynog, Llanrhaidr-yn-Mochnant, (Montgomery), Llanrhaidr-yn-Mochnant (Denbigh), Pennant, Pimperne, Steepleton, Preston, Tarrant-Keynston, Tarrant-Rushton, Turnworth, Winterborne-Clenstone, and Winterborne-Stickland.

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P. xxiv. An Act to confirm certain Orders of the Local Government Board under the provisions of the Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act, 1876, as amended and extended by the Poor Law Act, 1879, relating to the Parish of Marton-with-Moxby; to the Townships of Ampleforth-Birdforth, Ampleforth-Oswaldkirk, Ampleforth-Saint-Peter, Ayton West, Burniston, Byland (Coxwold), Cloughton, Harwooddale, Husthwaite, Hutton-Bushel, Oswaldkirk, Scalby, Silpho, Thornton-with-Baxley, and Wass; and to the Chapelry of Farlington.

xxv. An Act for incorporating and conferring powers on the Morecambe Tramways Company.

xxvi. An Act to authorise the East and West India Dock Company to consolidate their Debenture Stock and to raise further Money, and for other purposes.

xxvii. An Act to empower the Corporation of Royal Leamington Spa in the County of Warwick to raise Money for the Improvement of their Pump Room Baths and Pleasure Grounds; and for other purposes.

xxviii. An Act to confer further Powers on the Pewsey and Salisbury Railway Company.

xxix. An Act for the abandonment of the Radstock, Wrington and Congresbury Junction Railway.

xxx. An Act for incorporating and conferring powers on the Solihull Gas Company.

xxxi. An Act for incorporating and conferring powers on the Nuneaton Gaslight and Coke Company Limited.

xxxii. An Act to authorise the Newport (Monmouthshire) Gas Company to raise additional Capital; to extend their limits for the supply of Gas; and for other purposes.

xxxiii. An Act to authorise the Waterworks Commissioners of Kirkcaldy and Dysart to raise additional Money; and for other purposes.

xxxiv. An Act for conferring further powers on the Tyne Improvement Commissioners and for amending certain of the Tyne Improvement Acts; and for other purposes.

xxxv. An Act for incorporating and conferring powers on the Bridlington Gas Company.

xxxvi. An Act to authorise the Loughborough Local Board to construct works for obtaining a further supply of Water and to borrow further money and to extend the limits within which the Local Board may supply Water; and for other purposes.

xxxvii. An Act to confer further powers on the London Brighton and South Coast Railway Company.

xxxviii. An Act to confer further powers on the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Company and for other purposes.

xxxix. An Act to confer further powers on the Barry Dock and Railways Company.

xl. An Act to confer further powers on the London Chatham and Dover Railway Company and for other purposes.

xli. An Act to enable the Great Northern Railway Company (Ireland) to purchase the Newry Warrenpoint and Rostrevor Railway and to confer further powers on the said Company and on other companies in relation to the undertaking of that Company; and for other purposes.

xlii. An Act to provide for the vesting of the undertaking of the Scinde, Punjaub and Delhi Railway Company in the Secretary of State in Council of India: and for other purposes.

xliii. An Act for the granting of further powers to the Wrexham Gas Light Company.

xliv. An Act to authorise the Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway Company to construct new and substituted Railways to abandon the construction of portions of their authorised Railways and to amend the Acts relating to the Company and for other purposes.

xlv. An Act to enlarge the time for opening the Brighton and Dyke Railway for the public conveyance of passengers.

xlvi. An Act to authorise the Abandonment of the Railway authorised by the Ballymena and Portglenone Railway Act 1879 and the Tramways authorised by the Ballymena and Ahoghill Tramways Act 1885.

xlvii. An Act to authorise the transfer of the undertaking of the Marple Gas Company Limited to the Marple Local Board and for other purposes.

xlviii. An Act to enable the Liverpool United Gaslight Company to purchase additional lands and to erect Gasworks thereon to raise further money and for other purposes.

xlix. An Act to authorise the magistrates and council of the burgh of Falkirk to intercept the Sewage of the burgh and convey the same to the River Carron; and to make and maintain new Drainage Works; and for other purposes.

l. An Act to confer further powers on the Lanarkshire and Ayrshire Railway Company and for other purposes.

P. li. An Act to enable Her Majesty's Postmaster-General to acquire Lands in Birmingham for the Public Service.

P. lii. An Act to further amend the Law relating to Turnpike Roads in South Wales.

P. liii. An Act to enable the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to make an advance to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster for the restoration and repair of Westminster Abbey.

P. liv. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Dromore West and Kilrush Unions.

P. lv. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Town of Fermoy.

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lxiv. An Act to authorise the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Brighton to consolidate their Loans and create Corporation Stock and for other purposes.

lxv. An Act to enable the Swansea Harbour Trustees to construct and maintain additional Works and conveniences within Swansea Harbour; to raise further Money and to issue Stock; and for other purposes.

lxvi. An Act to authorise the release of the Deposit with the Supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland in respect of the Sligo and Bundoran Tramway.

lxvii. An Act to empower the Corporation of Ripon to make additional Waterworks and to make better provision for the regulation of their Markets and Fairs and for the Health and local Government of the City and for other purposes.

lxviii. An Act for dissolving the Burgess Hill and Saint John's Common Water Company (Limited) for re-incorporating the proprietors therein with others and for conferring powers on the Company so to be incorporated and for other purposes.

lxix. An Act to confer further powers on the South Shields Gas Company; and for other purposes.

lxx. An Act to authorise the Wallasey Tramways Company to abandon parts of their authorised tramways and for other purposes.

lxxi. An Act to extend the Powers of the Company of Proprietors of Lambeth Waterworks.

lxii. An Act for the making and maintaining of the Eastbourne Seaford and Newhaven Railway and for other purposes.

lxxiii. An Act to revive the Powers and extend the Periods for the Compulsory Purchase of Lands for and the Construction of the Oswestry and Llangynog Railway.

lxxiv. An Act to change the name of the Alliance British and Foreign Life and Fire Assurance Company, and to make provisions with respect to its capital, and for other purposes.

lxxv. An Act to make better provision for vesting the securities and property of the Commercial Union Assurance Company (Limited) in the Trustees of the Company and for other purposes.

lxxvi. An Act for extending the time for completing certain works of the Caledonian Railway Company in the counties of Lanark and Stirling; for abandoning certain of their authorised lines, and sanctioning a line already constructed, in the county of Lanark; for enabling them to construct a drain in connexion with their Gourock Branch; for authorising agreements respecting their bridge over the Tay at Perth; for conferring on them additional powers with respect to the harbour at Grangemouth; for confirming an agreement made by them with the North British Railway Company; and for other purposes.

lxxvii. An Act to confer further Powers upon the Taff Vale Railway Company and for other purposes.

lxxviii. An Act to confer further Powers on the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne for the Improvement and good Government of the Borough and for other purposes.

lxxix. An Act to confer further Powers upon the Cleator and Workington Junction Railway Company; and for other purposes.

lxxx. An Act to empower the Corporation of Liverpool to improve the street known as Islington, to contribute to the enlargement of the Liverpool Royal Infirmary, to acquire the Netherfield Road Hospital; and for other purposes.

lxxxi. An Act to authorise the East and West Yorkshire Union Railways Company to abandon certain of their authorised Railways and to construct other Railways in substitution therefor and to execute further works and to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of lands for and for the completion of their unabandoned Railways; and for other purposes.

lxxxii. An Act to authorise the East London Waterworks Company to execute further works and to raise further money in order to enable them to fulfil their Statutory obligations relating to the supply of water or otherwise, and to meet the increased demand for water within their district to amend the Acts relating to that Company; and for other purposes.

lxxxiii. An Act for incorporating and conferring powers upon the Leeds Hydraulic Power Company and for other purposes.

lxxxiv. An Act to confer further Powers on the London Tilbury and Southend Railway Company.

lxxxv. An Act for empowering the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company to construct additional works and to raise additional capital and for other purposes.

lxxxvi. An Act to incorporate the Bute Docks Company; and to transfer to the Company so incorporated the Bute Docks Undertaking; and for other purposes.

lxxxvii. An Act to authorise the Bexley Heath Railway Company to make a new road and sewer in connection with their authorised railway and to extend the time for the purchase of land and completion of that railway and for other purposes.

lxxxviii. An Act to amend the Dore and Chinley Railway Acts 1884 and 1885 and for other purposes.

lxxxix. An Act to confer further powers on the Girvan and Portpatrick Junction Railway Company and for other purposes.

xc. An Act for authorising the election of Out-pensioners of the Hospital of Gilbert Earl of Shrewsbury at Sheffield in the County of York and for conferring larger powers of dealing with the income of the said Hospital; and for other purposes.

xci. An Act for incorporating and conferring powers on the Rowley Regis and Blackheath Gas Company and for other purposes.

xcii. An Act to authorise a deviation of part of the Uxbridge and Rickmansworth Railway; to extend the time for completion; to enable the Company to raise further Capital; and for other purposes.

xciii. An act to authorise the Cambridge University and Town Waterworks Company to construct additional Waterworks and to raise further Money and for other purposes

xciv. An Act to incorporate a company for the construction of the Nottingham Suburban Railway; and for other purposes.

xcv. An Act for incorporating the Sidmouth Water Company and empowering them to acquire and construct Works and supply Water; and for other purposes.

xcvi. An Act to enable the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the City of Bristol to construct additional Dock Works and for other purposes.

xcvii. An Act to authorise the Hull Barnsley and West Riding Junction Railway and Dock Company to abandon certain works authorised by the Hull Barnsley and West Riding Junction Railway and Dock (Various Powers) Act 1883 to raise further money by preference shares or stock and for other purposes.

xcviii. An Act for dissolving the Ardrossan Gas and Water Company, Limited, and re-incorporating the Members thereof with others; and for enabling them to make and maintain additional waterworks, and to supply Gas and Water within places in the Parish of Ardrossan, in the County of Ayr; and for other purposes.

xcix. An Act for conferring further Powers on the Glasgow and South-western Railway Company; for converting and consolidating certain classes of their Shares and Stocks; and for empowering them to raise additional Capital; and for other purposes.

c. An Act for making a railway from Brighton to Rottingdean and Newhaven in the county of Sussex and for other purposes.

ci. An Act to empower the Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company to construct additional Waterworks; to extend their limits for the supply of Water; to raise further capital; and for other purposes.

cii. An Act for conferring on the Trustses and others claiming under the Will of the late Marquess of Bute further Powers for the construction of Works in connexion with the Bute Docks at Cardiff and for amending the Bute Docks Acts and for other purposes.

ciii. An Act to authorise the construction of Railways in Lancashire to be called the Burnley Clitheroe and Sabden Railway and for other purposes.

civ. An Act for incorporating the Harrow Road and Paddington Tramways Company and for empowering them to construct Tramways, and for other purposes.

cv. An Act to vest the Glasgow Bridges in the Magistrates and Council of Glasgow; to widen Glasgow Bridge; and for other purposes.

cvi. An Act for conferring further powers upon the Great Western Railway Company in connexion with their own and other Undertakings and upon them and other Companies in connexion with Undertakings in which they are jointly interested; for vesting in the Great Western Railway Company the Undertaking of the Faringdon Railway Company; for authorising and confirming Agreements with other Companies and with the Corporation of Chester; and for other purposes.

cvii. An Act to extend the boundaries of the Borough of Guildford to confer further powers upon the Corporation of Guildford with respect to their Water Undertaking to make further provision for the good government of the Borough and for other purposes.

cviii. An Act for authorising the construction of a Railway between Harrow and Stanmore, in the County of Middlesex, to be called the Harrow and Stanmore Railway; and for other purposes.

cix. An Act to authorise the construction of a Sewer and other Works for preventing the discharge into the River Lee of effluent Water or Sewage matter from the Sewerage Works of the Tottenham Local Board of Health and for other purposes.

cx. An Act for the abandonment of part of the authorised Kingston and London Railway and of lines connected therewith for transferring to and vesting in the London and South-western Railway Company alone the powers for making the unabandoned part of the Kingston and London Railway to authorise the transfer to the last-mentioned Company of the undertaking and powers of the Wimbledon and West Metropolitan Junction Railway Company to extend the periods limited for the purchase of lands and for the completion of the Wimbledon and West Metropolitan Junction Railway and for the completion of the unabandoned portion of the Kingston and London Railway to authorise the London and South-western Railway Company to make a new Railway at Wimbledon and to acquire the undertakings of the Swanage and Bodmin and Wadebridge Railway Companies to make further provision as to the Southsea Railway; and for other purposes.

cxi. An Act to amend the Manchester Ship Canal Act, 1885.

cxii. An Act to confer further powers on the Metropolitan Board of Works as to streets and open spaces; and for other purposes.

cxiii. An Act to confer Additional Powers upon the Midland Railway Company for the Construction of Works and the Acquisition of Lands and otherwise in connexion with their own and other Undertakings, and for other purposes.

cxiv. An Act to empower the Mountain Ash Local Board to construct Gas and Water Works and to supply Gas and Water within their District to purchase certain existing Gas and Water Works and the Workman's Hall Mountain Ash to transfer the St. Margaret's Burial Ground to the Local Board and for other purposes.

cxv. An Act for making and maintaining a Bridge across the River Trent at Stapenhill Ferry and for other purposes.

cxvi. An Act to incorporate a Company and to authorise the transfer to them of the Southern Section Undertaking of the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Company and for other purposes.

cxvii. An Act to authorise the Corporation of Oldham to construct additional Waterworks to increase the number of the Wards and of the Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Oldham to declare the Borough exempt from the jurisdiction of the Court of Record for the Hundred of Salford to confer further powers on the Corporation with respect to Gasworks Cemeteries and other matters and to make further provision for the improvement and good government of the Borough.

cxviii. An Act to authorise the Folkestone Sandgate and Hythe Tramways Company to abandon a portion of the Tramway authorised by the Folkestone Sandgate and Hythe Tramways Act, 1884, to extend the time limited by that Act for the completion of works to construct new Tramways and for other purposes.

cxix. An Act for confirming the Agreement between Lord Haldon and the Local Board of Health for the District of Torquay for the Sale of the Harbour Undertaking to authorise the creation of Local Board Stock and for other purposes.

PRIVATE ACTS,

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AND WHEREOF THE PRINTED COPIES MAY BE GIVEN IN EVIDENCE.

1. AN Act to enable the Trustees of Thomas Lord Walsingham's Settled Estate to grant building leases of land in the parish of Saint George Hanover Square in the county of Middlesex and for other purposes in relation thereto.

PRIVATE ACTS,

NOT PRINTED.

AN Act to dissolve the Marriage of Louisa Jane Moore Morgan Westropp with Edward Spread Morgan Westropp and to enable her to marry again and for other purposes.

An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Gerald Richard Brooke, of Kellystown House, Clonsilla, in the county of Dublin, Esquire, with the Honourable Kathleen Brooke, his now wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes.

[SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE.

SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE, SESSION 1886.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 17 June 1886;—*for*,

RETURN "of the Number of DAYS on which THE HOUSE SAT in the Session of 1886, stating, for each Day, the Date of the Month, and Day of the Week, the Hour of the Meeting, and the Hour of Adjournment; and the Total Number of Hours occupied in the Sittings of The House, and the Average Time; and showing the Number of Hours on which The House Sat each Day, and the Number of Hours after Midnight; and the Number of Entries in each Day's Votes and Proceedings" (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.139, of Session 1884-5).

(*Mr. Marjoribanks.*)

Month.	Day.	House met.		House adjourned.		Hours of Sitting.		Hours after Midnight.		Entries in Votes.
1886.		H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	
Jan. 12	Tu	2	0	3	15	1	15	-	-	5
,, 13	W	2	0	5	30	3	30	-	-	7
,, 14	Th	2	0	3	30	1	30	-	-	3
,, 15	F	2	0	3	15	1	15	-	-	3
,, 20	W	2	0	3	45	1	45	-	-	2
,, 21	Th	1	30	1	10	11	40	1	10	61
,, 22	F	4	0	12	15	8	15	0	15	180
,, 25	M	4	0	12	45	8	45	0	45	37
,, 26	Tu	4	0	1	15	9	15	1	15	28
,, 28	Th	4	0	4	30	0	30	-	-	21
Total...	10	-	-	-	-	47	40	3	25	347
Feb. 1	M	4	0	4	30	0	30	-	-	105
,, 4	Th	4	0	4	45	0	45	-	-	107
,, 6	S	3	0	3	45	0	45	-	-	28
,, 18	Th	4	0	1	30	9	30	1	30	92
,, 19	F	4	0	1	45	9	45	1	45	61
,, 22	M	4	0	1	30	9	30	1	30	84
,, 23	Tu	4	0	12	45	8	45	0	45	47
,, 24	W	12	0	5	50	5	50	-	-	47
,, 25	Th	4	0	1	30	9	39	1	30	44
,, 26	F	4	0	1	15	9	15	1	15	46
Total...	10	-	-	-	-	64	5	8	15	661
Mar. 1	M	4	0	1	15	9	15	1	15	69
,, 2	Tu	4	0	1	15	9	15	1	15	35
,, 3	W	12	0	5	50	5	50	-	-	37
,, 4	Th	4	0	2	0	10	0	2	0	52
,, 5	F	4	0	11	45	7	45	-	-	43
,, 8	M	4	0	12	45	8	45	0	45	63
,, 9	Tu	4	0	2	15	10	15	2	15	51
,, 10	W	2	0	5	50	3	50	-	-	42
,, 11	Th	4	0	2	15	10	15	2	15	47
,, 12	F	4	0	1	45	9	45	1	45	52
,, 15	M	4	0	2	15	10	15	2	15	66
,, 16	Tu	4	0	1	0	9	0	1	0	68
,, 17	W	12	0	5	55	5	55	-	-	53
,, 18	Th	4	0	2	45	10	45	2	45	59
,, 19	F	4	0	12	30	8	30	0	30	40
,, 22	M	4	0	1	15	9	15	1	15	71
,, 23	Tu	4	0	1	15	9	15	1	15	56
,, 24	W	12	0	5	15	5	15	-	-	41
,, 25	Th	4	0	3	30	11	30	3	30	64
,, 26	F	4	0	8	0	4	0	-	-	42
,, 29	M	4	0	2	45	10	45	2	15	97
,, 30	Tu	4	0	12	15	8	15	0	15	52
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Total...	23	-	-	-	-	193	25	26	30	1,253

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April 1	Th	4	0	2	30	10	30	2	30	5 3
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,, 5	M	4	0	2	45	10	45	2	45	81
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,, 7	W	12	0	5	55	5	55	-	-	71
,, 8	Th	4	0	12	45	8	45	0	45	55
,, 9	F	4	0	1	0	9	0	1	0	51
,, 12	M	4	0	12	45	8	45	0	45	95
,, 13	Tu	4	0	2	45	10	45	2	45	80
,, 14	W	12	0	5	50	5	50	-	-	75
,, 15	Th	4	0	1	45	9	45	1	45	65
,, 16	F	4	0	1	45	9	45	1	45	81
,, 19	M	4	0	3	15	11	15	3	15	75
Total ...	13	-	-	-	-	117	5	18	15	891
May 3	M	4	0	12	45	8	45	0	45	85
,, 4	Tu	4	0	8	0	4	0	-	-	58
,, 5	W	12	0	3	45	3	45	-	-	56
,, 6	Th	4	0	2	15	10	15	2	15	74
,, 7	F	4	0	7	0	3	0	-	-	60
,, 10	M	4	0	2	15	10	15	2	15	118
,, 11	Tu	4	0	12	45	8	45	0	45	82
,, 12	W	12	0	5	50	5	50	-	-	75
,, 13	Th	4	0	1	0	9	0	1	0	70
,, 14	F	4	0	2	0	10	0	2	0	62
,, 17	M	4	0	1	0	9	0	1	0	69
,, 18	Tu	4	0	2	30	10	30	2	30	70
,, 19	W	12	0	5	55	5	55	-	-	74
,, 20	Th	4	0	2	0	10	0	2	0	72
,, 21	F	4	0	1	45	9	45	1	45	69
,, 24	M	4	0	2	30	10	30	2	30	89
,, 25	Tu	4	0	2	30	10	30	2	30	78
,, 27	Th	4	0	12	30	8	30	0	30	66
,, 28	F	4	0	1	15	9	15	1	15	94
,, 31	M	4	0	2	45	10	45	2	45	91
Total ...	20	-	-	-	-	168	15	25	45	1,512

Month.	Day.	House met.		House adjourned.		Hours of Sitting.		Hours after Midnight.		Entries in Votes.
1886.		H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	
June 1	Tu	4	0	1	15	9	15	1	15	79
,, 2	W	12	0	6	0	6	0	-	-	67
,, 3	Th	4	0	3	45	11	45	3	45	68
,, 4	F	4	0	2	0	10	0	2	0	75
,, 7	M	4	0	1	30	9	30	1	30	73
,, 10	Th	4	0	4	0	12	0	4	0	151
,, 11	F	4	0	3	0	11	0	3	0	106
,, 12	W	12	0	5	0	5	0	-	-	82
1886. *cont.*										
June 17	Th	4	0	2	30	10	30	2	30	87
,, 18	F	4	0	8	0	4	0	-	-	78
,, 21	M	4	0	1	30	9	30	1	30	116
,, 24	Th	3	0	8	5	5	5	-	-	175
,, 25	F	5	15	Prorogation.				-	-	21
Total...	13	-	-	-	-	103	35	19	30	1,178

SUMMARY.

Month.	Days of Sitting.	Hours of Sitting.		Hours after Midnight.		Entries in Votes.
1886.		H.	M.	H.	M.	
January	10	47	40	3	25	347
February	10	64	5	8	15	661
March	23	193	2	26	30	1,253
April	13	117	5	18	15	891
May	20	168	15	25	45	1,512
June...........	13	103	35	19	30	1,178
Total......	89	694	5	101	40	5,842

Average Length of Sitting, Daily, 7 Hours 47 Minutes.

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Number of Divisions on Public Business before Midnight	70
Ditto „ „ after Midnight	64
Ditto—Private Business „ before Midnight	9
Ditto „ „ after Midnight	—
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(2.) Brought from the House of Lords	15	
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Total Number of Bills brought from the Lords, but not passed by the Commons		3
Total Number of Bills passed by the Commons, but not by the Lords ...		9
Total		253

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EXPLANATION OF THE ABBREVIATIONS.

It being a principal object of this Index, that the proceedings on each Motion shall be completely recorded, some abbreviations of forms were necessary. Those who are accustomed to the proceedings of Parliament will readily fill up the voids. Those who are not so familiar, may find the following explanation useful, but will find the whole *formulæ* set out at length in the " Contents."

The names which immediately follow the title of a Bill are those of the Peers or hon. Members who have charge of the Bill.

The numbers which are added at stages of Bills are the official numbers of the prints and reprints ordered at each stage, and, with the Statute, will enable the reader to follow all the changes the Bill has undergone.

The entries—Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2^a;" Amendt. "this day six months;" Question put, "That 'now,' &c."—indicate the usual form of raising the issue—namely, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."

"*The Ballot*, Amendt. on Committee of Supply" indicates that the Question was raised by means of an Amendment moved on the Motion (after the Order of the Day for the House to go into Committee of Supply had been read), "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair." In this case the issue is formally raised by the Motion "To leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question, in order to add" other words. the decision is taken on the Question, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."

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Explanation of the Abbreviations.

Bills, Read 1°, 2°, 3°, or 1ª, 2ª, 3ª, Read the First, Second, or Third Time.—In Speeches, 1R., 2R., 3R., Speech delivered on the First, Second, or Third Reading.—*Amendt.*, Amendment.—*Res.*, Resolution.—*Comm.*, Committee.—*Re-Comm.*, Re-Committal.—*Rep.*, Report.—*Consid.*, Consideration.—*Adj.*, Adjournment or Adjourned.—*cl.*, Clause.—*add. cl.*, Additional Clause.—*neg.*, Negatived.—*M. Q.*, Main Question.—*O. Q.*, Original Question.—*O. M.*, Original Motion.—*P. Q.*, Previous Question.—R. P., Report Progress.—*A.*, Ayes.—*N.*, Noes.—*M.*, Majority.—*1st. Div.*, *2nd. Div.*, First or Second Division.—*l.*, Lords.—*c.*, Commons.

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c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 6 [Bill 205]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *May* 20, [305] 1530; after long debate, Question put; A. 303, N. 89; M. 214; Div. List, A. and N. 1609
Order for Committee read; Moved, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" *May* 27,
306] 213
Amendt. to leave out from "That," add "in the opinion of this House, no measure dealing with the disarmament of Orange districts will be satisfactory or impartially administered which requires to be put in force by a proclamation of the Irish Privy Council, composed almost entirely of members of or sympathisers with the Orange organization" (*Mr. T. M. Healy*) *v.*; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after debate, Question put; A. 180, N. 104; M. 76 (D. L. 108)
Main Question, "That Mr. Speaker, &c." put, and agreed to; Committee; Report, 236
Moved, "That the Bill, as amended, be considered To-morrow," 294
Amendt. to leave out "To-morrow," insert "upon Monday next" (*Mr. T. M. Healy*); Question proposed, "That 'To-morrow,' &c.;" after short debate, Question put, and agreed to

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Moved, "That the Bill be reprinted" (*Mr. T. M. Healy*); Motion agreed to; Bill to be printed [Bill 240]

306] Considered *May* 28, 417; Moved, "That the Bill be now read 3°;" Question put; A. 156, N. 65; M. 91 (D. L. 111); Bill read 3°

l. Read 1ª * (*E. Spencer*) *May* 31 (No. 129)

Read 2ª, after debate; Committee negatived; read 3ª *June* 1, 632

Royal Assent *June* 4 [49 *Vict.* c. 24]

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Question, Mr. Brodrick; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *May* 10, [305] 573; Notice, Mr. Lewis; Question, Mr. T. M. Healy; Answer, Colonel Waring *May* 18, 1289; Question, Mr. Mitchell Henry; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *May* 20, 1523

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Appointments—Prince Henry of Battenberg, Questions, Mr. Labouchere; Answers, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *Feb* 26, [302] 1391; *Mar* 1, 1545

Case of Sergeant Thomas Mackie, Canteen Sergeant at Fort George, N.B., Question, Mr. Fraser-Mackintosh; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *April* 9, [304] 1175

Cavalry Troop Officers, Question, Lord Ernest Hamilton; Answer, The Financial Secretary, War Department (Mr. Herbert Gladstone) *Mar* 23, [303] 1639

Compulsory Retirement of Majors, Question, Lord Algernon Percy; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *April* 15, [304] 1625

Death of a Soldier (*Private Aherne*) *in the Belfast Military Hospital*, Questions, Mr. Sexton; Answers, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Mar* 18, [303] 1173; *Mar* 23, 1629; Question, Mr. T. P. O'Connor; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *April* 5, [304] 753

Discharged Soldiers—Case of Michael Noone, 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, Question, Mr. Hayden; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *June* 3, [306] 827

Officers of the Reserve Corps, Question, Colonel Hughes-Hallett; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *Mar* 25, [303] 1789

Quartermasters — Ineligibility for Army Departments, Question, Dr. Clark; Answer, The Financial Secretary, War Department (Mr. H. S. Northcote) *Jan* 26, [302] 421; —*Quartermasters in the Commissariat and Ordnance Departments*, Question, Dr. Clark; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *June* 18, [306] 1849

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Retired Officers (*Honorary Rank*), Question, Captain Verney; Answer, The Financial Secretary, War Department (Mr. Herbert Gladstone) *May* 6, [305] 375

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Barracks at Cape Town (*South Africa*), Question, Sir Herbert Maxwell; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *April* 1, [304] 436

Dublin—Richmond Barracks, Question, Sir James Fergusson; Answer, The Financial Secretary, War Department (Mr. H. S. Northcote) *Jan* 25, [302] 311

Education

Royal Military Colleges, Sandhurst and Woolwich—Report of Board of Visitors, Question, Observations, Viscount Enfield; Reply, The Under Secretary of State for War (Lord Sandhurst) *April* 9, [304] 1150

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Disorders in Belfast Barracks, Question, Mr. Ewart; Answer, The Financial Secretary, War Department (Mr. H. S. Northcote) *Jan* 25, [302] 305

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Medical Staff — The Servian and Bulgarian Campaign, Question, Sir Trevor Lawrence; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *Feb* 25, [302] 1208

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Steel for Sword Bayonets, Question, Mr. Johns; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *Feb* 22, [302] 890

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- *Calshot Castle, Southampton Water,* Question, Sir John Lubbock; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *June* 18, [306] 1812; Question, Viscount Barrington; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for War (Lord Sandhurst) *June* 24, [307] 198
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- *Egypt—Soudan Campaign—The Royal Irish Regiment,* Questions, Sir Herbert Maxwell; Answers, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *Feb* 25, [302] 1209
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- *Rewards for Distinguished Services,* Question, Mr. T. H. Bolton; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *Mar* 5, [303] 13
- *Rifle Ranges—Wormwood Scrubbs,* Question, Mr. Howard Vincent; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *Mar* 9, [303] 294
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- *War Balloons,* Question, Sir Robert Fowler; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *April* 13, [304] 1433

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Militia Staffs—Non-Commissioned Officers, Question, Colonel Waring; Answer, The Financial Secretary, War Department (Mr. Herbert Gladstone) *Mar* 15, [303] 814

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Vacancies for Subalterns, Question, Mr. Howard Vincent; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *Mar* 19, [303] 1363

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Army (Auxiliary Forces)—The Volunteer Capitation Grant

Amendt. on Committee of Supply *Mar* 22, To leave out from "That," add "for the thorough efficiency, maintenance, and development of the Volunteer Force, an immediate increase in the present capitation grant is absolutely and urgently necessary" (*Mr. Howard Vincent*) *v.*, [303] 1506; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after debate, Question put; A. 187, N. 166; M. 21; Div. List, Ayes and Noes, 1534

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Moved, "That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the whole question of guns, and the working of the Factories at Woolwich, Enfield, and Birmingham" (*Mr. Carbutt*) *Mar* 23, [303] 1709; after short debate, Motion withdrawn

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(*Mr. Secretary Campbell-Bannerman, The Judge Advocate General, Mr. Hibbert*)

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Arrears of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1882—*Mr. Henry M'Dougall, Agent of the Gormanstown Estate, Co. Meath*

Amendt. on Committee of Supply *Mar* 12, To leave out from "That," add "in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to institute a prosecution of Mr. Henry M'Dougall, agent of the Gormanstown estate in the county of Meath, Ireland, who recovered money under the Arrears Act in a case in which no arrears were due, either under the section of the Arrears Act which is concerned with such cases, or for perjury" (*Mr. Clancy*) *v.*, [303] 713; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after debate, Amendt. withdrawn

Artizans' Dwellings Act — The Brooke Market Site, Holborn

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c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 59]
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c. Moved, "That the Petition against the Belfast Main Drainage Bill, deposited in the Private Bill Office on the 19th instant, be printed and circulated with the Votes" (*Mr. Sexton*) *Feb* 25, [302] 1189; Motion agreed to

Moved, "That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Belfast Main Drainage Bill, that they do insert in the Bill Clauses for the following purposes:—
- To assimilate the Municipal franchise of the borough of Belfast to the existing Parliamentary franchise;
- To enable every person qualified to vote at a Municipal election in Belfast to be a candidate for election to the office of councillor or alderman;
- To constitute the present boundary of the Parliamentary borough of Belfast the boundary of the Municipal borough, and to direct and provide for a new division of the Municipal borough into wards, as recommended in the Report of the Municipal Boundaries (Ireland) Commission, dated the 27th of June 1882, and to authorize a proportionate increase in the number of aldermen and councillors;
- To provide for an entire new election of all the aldermen and councillors of the borough, upon the reformed franchise, within the present year" (*Mr. Sexton*) *Mar* 2, 1677; Previous Question proposed, "That the Original Question be now put" (*The Chairman of Ways and Means*); after long debate, Question put; A. 84, N. 200; M. 116 (D. L. 14)

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Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *May* 10, [305] 687; after short debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Dr. Cameron*); Motion agreed to
Question, Mr. Buchanan; Answer, The Lord Advocate (Mr. J. B. Balfour) *May* 25, [306] 32
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c. Question, Mr. Richard; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 1, [302] 1541; Question, Mr. Shirley; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Osborne Morgan) *Mar* 4, 1902
Considered in Committee; Resolution agreed to, and reported; Bill ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 4 [Bill 131]
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c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 25 [Bill 152]
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l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Balfour*) *April* 15 (No. 78)
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Burial Law Amendment Bill (*Mr. Osborne Morgan, Mr. Henry H. Fowler, Mr. Richard, Mr. Carvell Williams*)
c. Considered in Committee; Resolution agreed to, and reported; Bill ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 45]
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  Moved for "Return of all charities known to the Charity Commissioners, the income of which is shown to be distributable in articles in kind or in money, in the 'General Digest of Endowed Charities' laid before Parliament on the motion of Lord Robert Montagu between the years 1868 and 1876, as supplemented by the information subsequently acquired by the Charity Commissioners; and distinguishing those charities the income of which may be otherwise applied in pursuance of schemes established by the Charity Commissioners" (*The Earl of Onslow*) *Mar* 4, [302] 1873; Motion agreed to
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Charities, &c. (Exemption from Local Rates) Bill (*Sir Julian Goldsmid, Mr. Baggallay, Mr. Octavius Morgan, Sir Robert Fowler, Baron F. de Rothschild, Sir Algernon Borthwick, Mr. H. W. Lawson*)
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c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 54]
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Church of Scotland Bill (*Mr. Finlay, The Marquess of Stafford*)
c. Considered in Committee; Resolution agreed to, and reported; Bill ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 6]
  Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *Mar* 17, [303] 1057
  Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day six months" (*Dr. Cameron*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" after long debate, Question put; A. 179, N. 202; M. 23; D. L., A. and N. 1129; words added; main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to; 2R. put off for six months

Church Patronage Bill (*Mr. Rylands, Mr Leatham, Mr. Henry H. Fowler, Mr. Brinton*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 4]
  Read 2°, after long debate *April* 7, [304] 989
  Order for Committee read; Moved, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" (*Mr. Leatham*) *May* 12, [305] 875; after short debate, Debate adjourned
  Adjourned Debate on going into Committee [Dropped]

Church Patronage Bill [H.L.]
(*The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury*)
l. Presented; read 1ª * *April* 6 (No. 63)
  Read 2ª, and referred to a Select Committee, after short debate *May* 13, [305] 879
  And, on *May* 17, the Lords following were named of the Committee:—L. Abp. Canterbury, L. Abp. York, M. Salisbury, E. Selborne, E. Iddesleigh, V. Cranbrook, L. Bp. London, L. Bp. Durham, L. Bp. Peterborough, L. Harris, L. Leigh, L. Aberdare, L. Monk Bretton
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c. Ordered; read 1° * *April* 8 [Bill 171]
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Coal Mines Bill (*Sir Richard Cross, Mr. Stuart-Wortley, Mr. Forwood*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Feb* 19 [Bill 92]
Read 2°, after short debate *Mar* 3, [302] 1871
Committee *—R.P. *Mar* 10
Moved, "That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again" (*Sir Joseph Pease*); after short debate, Question put; A. 128, N. 69; M. 59 (D. L. 32)
Moved, "That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow" (*Sir R. Assheton Cross*), [303] 914
Amendt. to leave out "To-morrow," insert "upon Wednesday, the 31st day of this instant March" (*Mr. Sexton*) *v.*; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after short debate, Amendt. withdrawn; main Question put, and agreed to
Question, Sir R. Assheton Cross; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 16, 980
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l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Ashbourne*) *June* 17 (No. 160)
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Coal Mines Regulation Bill (*Mr. Secretary Childers, Mr. Broadhurst*)
c. Motion for Leave (*Mr. Secretary Childers*) *May* 18, [305] 1405; after short debate, Motion agreed to; Bill ordered; read 1° * [Bill 217]
Bill withdrawn * *June* 11

Coal Mines Regulation Act (1872) Amendment Bill (*Mr. Arthur O'Connor, Mr. T. P. O'Connor*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Feb* 22 [Bill 108]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *Mar* 3, [302] 1849
Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day six months" (*Mr. Tomlinson*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" after debate, Amendt. withdrawn
Main Question put, and agreed to; Bill read 2°
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Colonies—State-Directed Emigration
Moved, "That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty for all papers addressed to the Colonial Office during the last twelve months in favour of State-directed colonization, as well as any papers addressed to the Colonial Office requesting that official information for those who desire to become colonists should be supplied to the post offices and local authorities throughout the country" (*The Earl of Harrowby*) *April* 2, [304] 587; after short debate, Motion withdrawn

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Commissioners Clauses Act (1847) Amendment Bill (*Mr. Warmington, Mr. Thomas Price, Mr. Winterbotham*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 10 [Bill 135]
2R. [Dropped]

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON EDUCATION—Vice President (*see* PLAYFAIR, Right Hon. Sir Lyon)

Common Juries Remuneration Bill (*Mr. Crompton, Mr. Lockwood, Mr. Eugene Wason, Sir John Swinburne, Mr. Johns*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Feb* 19 [Bill 95]
Order for 2R. discharged; Bill withdrawn, after short debate *Mar* 29, [304] 206

Commons and Inclosure Acts Amendment Bill (*Mr. Walter James, Mr. Story-Maskelyne, Mr. Joicey, Mr. Cobb*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Feb* 19 [Bill 99]
2R. [Dropped]

Commons and Open Spaces — Hayling Common
Question, Mr. Buxton; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Broadhurst) *April* 5, [304] 752

Commons Regulation (Hayling) Provisional Order Bill
(*Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Secretary Childers*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *April* 6 [Bill 165]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *May* 11, [305] 732
Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day six months" (*Mr. Edward Buxton*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. T. M. Healy*); Question put, and negatived; after debate, original Question, "That 'now,' &c." put, and negatived; words added
Main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to; 2R. put off for six months

Commons Regulation (Stoke) Provisional Order Bill
(*Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Secretary Childers*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *April* 6 [Bill 164]
Read 2° * *April* 13
Report * *May* 12
Read 3° * *May* 13
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *May* 17 (No. 102)
Read 2ª * *May* 27
Committee *; Report *May* 28
Read 3ª * *May* 31
Royal Assent *June* 4 [49 *Vict.* c. xv]

Commons Regulation (Totternhoe) Provisional Order Bill
(*Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Secretary Childers*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *April* 6 [Bill 166]
Read 2° * *April* 13
Report * *May* 12
Read 3° * *May* 13
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *May* 17 (No. 103)
Read 2ª * *May* 27
Committee *; Report *May* 28
Read 3ª * *May* 31
Royal Assent *June* 4 [49 *Vict.* c. xvi]

Companies Acts Amendment Bill
(*The Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland*)

c. Considered in Committee; Resolution agreed to, and reported; Bill ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 29 [Bill 158]
Read 2° * *April* 13
Committee; Report; read 3° *April* 15, [304] 1751
l. Read 1ª * (*Earl of Dalhousie*) *April* 16 (No. 82)
Read 2ª, after short debate *May* 13, [305] 1271
Committee * *May* 20
Report * *May* 21 (No. 121)
Read 3ª * *May* 24
Royal Assent *June* 4 [49 *Vict.* c. 23]

Compensation for Damages Bill
(*Mr. Secretary Childers, Mr. Broadhurst*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *Feb* 26 [Bill 120]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *Mar* 4, [302] 2000; after short debate, Question put; A. 106, N. 79; M. 27 (D. L. 17); Bill read 2°
Committee—R.P. *Mar* 18, [303] 1314
Committee; Report *Mar* 25, 1924
Considered *; read 3° *Mar* 29
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Thurlow*) *Mar* 30 (No. 50)
Read 2ª *April* 5, [304] 721
Committee *; Report *April* 6
Read 3ª *April* 8, 1033 (No. 68)
Royal Assent *April* 16 [49 *Vict.* c. 11]

Compensation for Damages Bill
Question, Sir Robert Peel; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 4, [302] 1896
Residents in North Lambeth, Question, General Fraser; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 15, [303] 804

COMPTON, Lord W. G., *Warwick, Stratford-upon-Avon*
Colonial Department—Emigrants' Information Office, [306] 1139
Cottagers' Allotment Gardens, 2R. [305] 1791
Foreign Trade Competition, Res. [304] 625
Trade and Commerce — British Commercial Interests Abroad — Instructions to H.M. Agents, [303] 1801

Compulsory Purchase of Land Compensation Bill (*Mr. M'Laren, Mr. Houldsworth, Mr. Joseph Bolton, Mr. Jesse Collings*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 17 [Bill 145]
2R. deferred, after short debate *Mar* 24, [303] 1771
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *May* 12, [305] 855
Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day six months" (*Mr. Gregory*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" after debate, Question put; A. 203, N. 103; M. 100 (D. L. 99)
Main Question put, and agreed to; Bill read 2°
Committee [Dropped]

CONDON, Mr. T. J., *Tipperary, E.*
Ireland—Law and Police—Assault by a Caretaker, [305] 1037
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Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill
(*Mr. Courtney, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Henry H. Fowler*)

c. Resolution in Committee *June* 11
Resolution reported, and agreed to; Bill ordered; read 1° * *June* 16
Read 2°, after debate *June* 17, [306] 1723
Committee; Report, after debate *June* 18, 1855
Read 3° *June* 21, [307] 63
l. Read 1ª * (*E. Kimberley*) *June* 21
Read 2ª * *June* 22
Read 3ª * *June* 23
Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 26]

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill
(*Mr. Courtney, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Henry H. Fowler*)

c. Resolution in Committee *Mar* 16
Resolution reported, and agreed to; Bill ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 17
Read 2° * *Mar* 18
Committee *; Report *Mar* 19
Considered * *Mar* 22
Read 3° * *Mar* 23
l. Read 1ª * (*Earl Granville*) *Mar* 25
Read 2ª; Committee negatived; read 3ª *Mar* 26, [304] 12
Royal Assent *Mar* 29 [49 *Vict.* c. 4]

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill
(*Mr. Courtney, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Henry H. Fowler*)

c. Resolutions in Committee *Mar* 18
Resolutions reported, and agreed to; Bil ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 19
Read 2° * *Mar* 22
Committee *; Report *Mar* 23
Considered * *Mar* 24
Read 3° * *Mar* 25
l. Read 1ª * (*Earl Granville*) *Mar* 26
Read 2ª *; Committee negatived *Mar* 29
Read 3ª * *Mar* 30
Royal Assent *April* 16 [49 *Vict.* c. 7]

Contagious Diseases Acts, 1866-1869
Moved, "That, in the opinion of this House, the Contagious Diseases Acts, 1866-1869, ought to be repealed" (*Mr. Stansfeld*) *Mar* 16, [303] 981
Amendt. at end, add "due provision at the same time being made for the continued maintenance of hospital accommodation with adequate treatment of women voluntarily seeking admission and medical care" (*Sir John Kennaway*); Question proposed, "That those words be there added;" after debate, Question put; A. 131, N. 245; M. 114 (D. L. 35); main Question put, and agreed to

Contagious Diseases Acts Repeal Bill
(*Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Stansfeld, Sir Robert Fowler*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 33]
Bill withdrawn * *Mar* 15

Contagious Diseases Acts Repeal (No. 2) Bill (*Mr. Stansfeld, Mr. James Stuart, Sir Robert Fowler, Mr. Whitbread, Mr. Burt, Mr. Henry Wilson*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 18 [Bill 147]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *Mar* 25, [303] 1908
Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day six months" (*Mr. Cavendish Bentinck*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" after short debate, Question put, and agreed to; main Question put, and agreed to; Bill read 2°
Committee; Report; read 3° *April* 2, [304] 645
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Sandhurst*) *April* 5 (No. 58)
Read 2ª, after short debate *April* 9, 1151
Committee *; Report *April* 12
Read 3ª * *April* 13
Royal Assent *April* 16 [49 *Vict.* c. 10]

Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878
Question, Mr. Chaplin; Answer, The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (Mr. Heneage) *April* 1, [304] 452
Abortion among Cattle, Question, Mr. Ainslie; Answer, The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *May* 31, [306] 495
Amending Legislation, Question, Mr. Duckham; Answer, The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *May* 6, [305] 370
Compulsory Slaughter—Amount of Cost and Incidence, Question, Mr. Duckham; Answer, The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *May* 6, [305] 370
Foot-and-Mouth-Disease in Fife, Question, Viscount Grimston; Answer, The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (Mr. Heneage) *Mar* 2, [302] 1758
Pleuro-Pneumonia, Question, Mr. Duckham; Answer, The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (Mr. Heneage) *Mar* 5, [303] 12

Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill [H.L.]
(*The Lord President*)
l. Presented; read 1ª * *May* 21 (No. 122)
Read 2ª, after debate *May* 28, [306] 299
Committee *June* 4, 1002
Report *June* 7, 1117 (No. 149)
Read 3ª * *June* 8 (No. 153)
c. Read 1° * (*Sir U. Kay-Shuttleworth*) *June* 10
Read 2° * *June* 16 [Bill 268]
Committee *; Report; read 3° *June* 17
l. Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 32]

Contagious Diseases of Cattle—M. Pasteur's Discoveries
Question, Sir Richard Paget; Answer, The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *May* 31, [306] 488

Continuance Sittings Bill
Question, Mr. Baden-Powell; Answer, The Attorney General (Sir Charles Russell) *April* 19, [305] 14

Conveyancing (Scotland) Act (1874) Amendment Bill
(*Dr. Cameron, Mr. Craig-Sellar, Mr. Donald Crawford, Mr. Lyell*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 3 [Bill 127]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *May* 18, [305] 1407; after short debate, Question put; A. 55, N. 28; M. 27 (D. L. 98); Bill read 2°
Committee [Dropped]

Conveyancing (Scotland) Act (1874) Amendment (No. 2) Bill
(*The Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 28 [Bill 242]
Bill withdrawn * *May* 31

Conveyancing (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill (*The Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *June* 1 [Bill 251]
Read 2° * *June* 3
Committee *; Report *June* 10
Read 3°, after short debate *June* 11, [306] 1564
l. Read 1ª * (*E. of Dalhousie*) *June* 17, 1678
2R. negatived, after short debate *June* 21, [307] 17 (No. 163)

Conway, Mr. M., *Leitrim, N.*
Education Department—Questions
  Elementary Education Acts — Religious Denomination of Teachers, [306] 1708
  Public Education, England, Departmental Statement, [306] 1736
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Ireland—Poor Law—Boards of Guardians—Election at Manorhamilton, [306] 835
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Conybeare, Mr. C. A. V., *Cornwall, Camborne*
Arms (Ireland), Comm. *cl.* 2, [306] 245; *add. cl.* 283, 285, 291
Burmah—Military Executions—The Provost Marshal, [302] 316
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Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday, Comm. *cl.* 1, [306] 1111
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Cook, Mr. E. R., *West Ham, N.*
Arms (Ireland), Comm. *cl.* 2, Motion for reporting Progress, [306] 267, 270
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Cook, Mr. W. T. G., *Birmingham, E.*
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Cooke, Mr. C. W. R., *Newington, W.*
Government of Ireland, 2R. [306] 777
Ireland—Suppression of the National League, [302] 905
Metropolis, Disturbances in the — Action of the Home Department, Explanation, [302] 604
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Cooke, Mr. C. W. R.—*cont.*
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Coope, Mr. O. E., *Middlesex, Brentford*
Egypt — British Troops in Egypt — Sanitary Condition, [305] 764
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Coote, Mr. T., *Huntingdon, S.*
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Copyhold and Customary Tenure Bill
(*Mr. Banister Fletcher, Mr. C. M. Warmington, Mr. H. L. W. Lawson*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Feb* 19 [Bill 94]
2R. [Dropped]

Copyhold Enfranchisement Bill
(*Mr. Charles James, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Stafford Howard, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Mellor*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 26]
Read 2°, after short debate *Feb* 24, [302] 1159
Committee *—R.P. *Mar* 23
Committee—R.P. *April* 1, [304] 577
Committee; Report *April* 9, 1279
Considered; read 3°, after short debate *April* 13, 1563
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Hobhouse*) *April* 15 (No. 76)
Standing Order No. XXXIV. considered *June* 4, [306] 990
Moved, "That the said Order be dispensed with in respect of the said Bill;" after short debate, on Question? Cont. 39, Not-Cont. 63; M. 24; resolved in the negative

Copyhold Enfranchisement [*Stamp Duty*]
c. Res. considered in Committee, and agreed to *Feb* 26, [302] 1488
Res. reported *Mar* 1

Copyhold Enfranchisement Bill [H.L.]
(*The Lord Hobhouse*)
l. Presented; read 1ª * *June* 7 (No. 152)

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(*Mr. Hastings, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Agnew*)
c. Ordered; read 1°* *Mar* 3 [Bill 125]
2R. [Dropped]

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Corbett, Mr. A. L. C., *Glasgow, Tradeston*
Ground Rents, Res. [303] 1036

Cork, Earl of
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Corrupt Practices Act—Political Associations
Question, Mr. Puleston; Answer, The Attorney General (Sir Charles Russell) *Mar* 22, [303] 1483

Corrupt Practices (Municipal Elections) (Scotland) Bill (*Mr. Edmund Robertson, Mr. W. A. Hunter*)
c. Ordered; read 1°* *Feb* 22 [Bill 106]
2R. [Dropped]

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Army—Egyptian Medal (Military Expedition), [306] 1125
Belfast Main Drainage, Res. [302] 1680; Consid. [306] 186, 187; *add. cl.* Amendt. 486; [307] 38
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Cossham, Mr. H., *Bristol, E.*
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Cottagers' Allotment Gardens Bill
(*Mr. Chaplin, Sir William Hart Dyke, Colonel Harcourt, Viscount Curzon, Mr. Charles Hall*)
c. Ordered; read 1°* *April* 15 [Bill 186]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *May* 21, [305] 1780
Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day six months" (*Mr. Arch*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" after short debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Johns*); after further short debate, Question put; A. 106, N. 91; M. 15 (D. L. 103); Debate adjourned
Adjourned Debate on 2R. [Dropped]

Cotton, Capt. E. T. D., *Cheshire, Wirral*
Customs and Inland Revenue, Comm. *add. cl.* [305] 1027
Customs Department — Outdoor Examining Officers, [304] 913
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Public Health Acts (Improvement Expenses), Comm. *add. cl.* [306] 146; Consid. Amendt. 980

County Courts Consolidation Bill [H.L.]
(*The Lord Chancellor*)
l. Presented; read 1ª* *June* 7 (No. 151)
Read 2ª *June* 21, [307] 32

County Courts (Ireland) Bill
(*Mr. Small, Mr. James E. O'Doherty, Mr. Maurice Healy, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. O'Hea*)
c. Ordered; read 1°* *April* 12 [Bill 180]
2R. [Dropped]

County Government
Local Taxation—Legislation, Questions, Viscount Curzon, Mr. Saunders; Answers, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. J. Chamberlain) *Feb* 22, [302] 894
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(*Mr. John O'Connor, Mr. Timothy Healy, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Small*)
c. Ordered; read 1°* *Jan* 22 [Bill 2]
Bill withdrawn* *June* 10

Courtney, Mr. L. H. (Chairman of Committees of Ways and Means and Deputy Speaker), *Cornwall, Bodmin*
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Commons Regulation (Hayling) Provisional Order, 2R. [305] 746
Compensation for Damages, 2R. [302] 2011, 2013; Comm. *cl.* 5, [303] 1929
Copyhold Enfranchisement, Comm. *cl.* 11, [304] 579
Cricklewood, Kilburn, and Harrow Road Tramways, 2R. [304] 1760
304] Crofters (Scotland) (No. 2), Comm. *cl.* 1, 147,
. 148, 459; *cl.* 6, 503, 515, 790, 791, 794, 795,
. 799, 801; *cl.* 8, 827; *cl.* 9, 837; *cl.* 11,
: 857; *cl.* 12, 919, 923, 932, 934, 935, 940;
. *cl.* 13, 956, 960, 1736, 1739, 1743; *cl.* 14,
305] 23; *cl.* 15, 25; *cl.* 16, 65, 70, 72, 83; *cl.* 29,
. 90, 91, 101, 102, 104, 105, 109; *add. cl.*
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Moved, "That the Bill be committed" (*Sir Charles Forster*)

Amendt., to leave out "committed," add "referred to a Select Committee, Five to be nominated by the House, and Four by the Committee of Selection" (*Mr. T. H. Bolton*) *v.*; Question proposed, "That 'committed,' &c.;" after short debate, Question put, and agreed to; Bill committed

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(*Mr. Trevelyan, The Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland*)

c. Motion for Leave (*Mr. Trevelyan*) *Feb* 25, 302] 1304; after debate, Motion agreed to; Bill ordered; read 1°* [Bill 118]

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(*Mr. Burt, Mr. Arthur Williams, Mr. William Cook, Mr. Robson*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 19 [Bill 220]
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l. Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª" *Mar* 22, [303] 1455
Moved, "That the Second Reading of this Bill, and of any other Bill containing provisions for payment of interest out of capital during construction of works, be postponed until the 12th day of April next" (*The Lord Houghton*) ; after short debate, Motion agreed to

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(*Mr. Leveson Gower, Mr. John Morley*)
c. Ordered ; read 1° * *Feb* 26 [Bill 119]
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l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *Mar* 19 (No. 38)
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Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill [H.L.] (*The Lord Thurlow*)
l. Presented ; read 1ª *, and referred to the Examiners *May* 6 (No. 84)
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l. Presented ; read 1ª * *Mar* 1 (No. 24)
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Treaty of Berlin—Article XVII., Question, The Marquess of Salisbury; Answer, The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (The Earl of Rosebery) *April* 13, [304] 1419

Eastern Telegraph Company

Question, Mr. Hutton; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Osborne Morgan) *Feb* 26, [302] 1383

East India Railways (Loans) Bill

(*Mr. Stafford Howard, Mr. Henry H. Fowler*)

c. Resolution in Committee *June* 4

Resolution reported, and agreed to; Bill ordered * *June* 10

Question, Mr. Buchanan; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Mr. Stafford Howard) *June* 11, [306] 1486

East London Water Bill (*by Order*)

c. Read 2°, and referred to a Select Committee, after short debate *Mar* 2, [302] 1665

EBRINGTON, Viscount, *Devon, Tavistock*

Agricultural Department of the Privy Council—The Cattle Markets of the United Kingdom, [306] 842

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Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill

(*Mr. Finlay, Mr. M'Lagan*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 79]

2R. [Dropped]

Ecclesiastical Commissioners

Evictions near Bream's Buildings, Chancery Lane, Question, Mr. Ince; Answer, The Secretary to the Board of Trade (Mr. C. T. D. Acland) *May* 31, [306] 502

Extraordinary Tithe, Question, Mr. T. H. Bolton; Answer, Sir John R. Mowbray *Feb* 18, [302] 587

Educational Endowments

Moved, "That a Select Committee be appointed 'to inquire into the operation of 'The Endowed Schools Act, 1869,' and the amending Acts, and to consider and report how far it may be expedient to amend the powers exercised under them by the Charity Commissioners" (*Sir Lyon Playfair*) *Feb* 22, [302] 1006; Motion agreed to

And, on *Feb* 25, Select Committee nominated as follows:—Sir Lyon Playfair (Chairman), Mr. H. G. Allen, Mr. L. L. Cohen, Mr. Jesse Collings, Mr. Cozens-Hardy, Mr. Dillon, Mr. J. E. Ellis, Lord Francis Hervey, Mr. Staveley Hill, Sir Henry Holland, Mr. Illingworth, Mr. Courtney Kenny, Mr. Maskelyne, Mr. C. S. Parker, Mr. F. S. Powell, Mr. Stanhope, and Mr. J. G. Talbot

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Departmental Statement (on Appropriation Bill) of The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair); Debate thereon *June* 17, [306] 1723

Appointments to Professorships, Question, Mr. Buchanan; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *April* 1, [304] 457

Education Acts Commission, Question, Mr. Milvain; Answer, The Secretary for Scotland (Mr. Trevelyan) *Mar* 4, [302] 1881

Elementary Education Acts—Religious Denomination of Teachers, Question, Mr. Conway; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *June* 17, [306] 1708

London School Board Election—Scale of Costs, Question, Mr. W. H. Smith; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *April* 1, [304] 439 *P.P.* 111

Pupil Teachers' Scholarship Examinations—Publication of Results, Question, Mr. M. J. Kenny; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *Mar* 15, [303] 790

Punishment of School Children, Question, Mr. Herbert Gardner; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *May* 17, [305] 1160

School Board Elections—Hours of Polling, Question, Mr. T. Fry; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *Mar* 12, [303] 624; Observations, Mr. T. Fry; short debate thereon *May* 7, [305] 538

School Boards and Voluntary Schools, Question, Mr. Conway; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *May* 17, [305] 1163

School Examinations, Question, Colonel Gunter; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *April* 13, [304] 1429

School Grants, Question, Mr. Arthur O'Connor; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *Mar* 15, [303] 812

Schools on the Continent—Mr. Matthew Arnold's Report, Questions, Sir Henry Holland; Answers, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *May* 21, [305] 1659

Science and Art Department and Medical Schools (*Hospitals*), Questions, Mr. Cozens-Hardy, Dr. Farquharson; Answers, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *June* 7, [306] 1123

Technical Education, Question, Mr. Jacoby; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *Mar* 2, [302] 1755

Technical Instruction, The Royal Commission on—Second Report—Grants for Science and Art Schools, Question, Mr. Lewis Fry; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *May* 17, [305] 1154

Technical Instruction in the Use of Tools, Questions, Sir Bernhard Samuelson, Mr. P. M'Donald; Answers, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *May* 21, [305] 1655

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Education Department (*England and Wales*)—cont.

Technical Instruction in Board Schools—The Beethoven Street Schools, Question, Sir Bernhard Samuelson; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *May* 24, [305] 1833

The Education Code—Examinations, Question, Mr. Mildmay; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *May* 17, [305] 1155

The English and Scotch Codes, Question, Mr. Macfarlane; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *April* 15, [304] 1620

The "Excellent" Merit Grant, Question, Mr. Woodhead; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *Mar* 22, [303] 1500

Use of School Rooms for Political Meetings, Question, Mr. Herbert Gardner; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *Mar* 18, [303] 1155

Elementary Schools

Admission of Children to Board Schools, Question, Sir Charles Forster; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *April* 5, [304] 739

Board Schools, Religious Instruction in, Question, Admiral Field; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *Mar* 15, [303] 818; Question, Sir R. Assheton Cross; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *May* 24, [305] 1829

Chislehurst School, Question, Mr. Arthur O'Connor; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *Mar* 22, [303] 1486

Dan-y-Graig School, Swansea, Question, Mr. Arthur O'Connor; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *Mar* 8, [303] 105

Corporal Punishment in Schools—Hillesden National School, Question, Captain Verney; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *Feb* 19, [302] 704

Upton-cum-Kexby National School, Question, Mr. Bennett; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *June* 7, [306] 1122

Free Education, Question, Mr. Cobb; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *Feb* 23, [302] 1031

Inspection of Elementary Schools, Question, Mr. Henry Allen; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *May* 25, [306] 27

Non-Attendance at Schools, Question, Mr. Jennings; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 19, [302] 708;—*School Board Summonses*, Question, Mr. Jennings; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 22, [302] 900

Infant School Attendance, Question, Mr. Arthur O'Connor; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *Mar* 11, [303] 445

School Attendance, Question, Sir Charles Forster; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *April* 6, [304] 917

The Royal Commission on Education, Reports of the, Question, Mr. Edward Russell; Answers, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair), Sir R. Assheton Cross *April* 1, [304] 448;—*Physical Training in Elementary Schools*, Question, Mr. Buxton; Answer, Sir R. Assheton Cross *June* 3, [306] 839

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Education Department (*Scotland*)

Departmental Statement (on Appropriation Bill) of the Right Hon. The Lord Advocate (Mr. J. B. Balfour); Debate thereon *June* 17, [306] 1749

Education (Scotland) (School Fees) Bill

(*Mr. Sutherland, Sir Herbert Maxwell, Mr. Finlayson, Dr. Farquharson, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Noel*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *Feb* 19 [Bill 98]
2R. [Dropped]

Edwards-Moss, Mr. T. C., *Lancashire, S.W., Widnes*

Infants, Comm. *cl.* 5, Amendt. [304] 1873

Egerton, Lord

Lunacy Acts Amendment, 2R. [302] 1500

Egerton, Admiral Hon. F., *Derbyshire, N.E.*

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Egypt (*Questions*)

Disposal of the Suakin and Berber Railway Material, Question, Mr. John O'Connor (Tipperary, S.); Answer, The Surveyor General of Ordnance (Mr. Woodall) *April* 16, [304] 1770

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- *Irrigation Works and Forced Labour*, Question, Sir Bernhard Samuelson; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *Mar* [illegible], [302] 1536
- *Port of Suakin*, Question, Mr. O'Kelly; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *Mar* 4, [302] 1891
- *Sheikh of Gemai*, Question, Mr. Dillon; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *Mar* 4, [302] 1908
- *Slave Trade—The Convention of* 1877*—Italy*, Question, Mr. Gourley; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *Feb* 22, [302] 883
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- *Conversion of the Daira and Domain Loans*, Question, Mr. Dillon; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *April* 1, [304] 435
- *Pensions, Systems of*, Questions, Sir George Campbell; Answers, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *Mar* 22, [303] 1478

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- Question, Sir George Campbell; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *June* 7, [306] 1131
- *Administration of Justice — Report of Judge West*, Question, Mr. Dillon; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *Mar* 18, [303] 1168
- *Administrative Reforms — Sir Henry Drummond Wolff's Reports*, Questions, Sir George Campbell, Mr. Hanbury; Answers, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *Mar* 29, [304] 88
- *Sir Henry Drummond Wolff's Mission*, Observations, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *May* 6, [305] 378; Question, Sir George Campbell; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *May* 10, 564
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- *Cost of*, Questions, Sir George Campbell; Answers, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *Mar* 22, [303] 1479; Observations, Sir George Campbell; short debate thereon, 1537
  - *Numbers*, Question, Mr. Labouchere; Answer, The Financial Secretary, War Department (Mr. Herbert Gladstone) *May* 6, [305] 374
  - *Medical Officers at Suakin*, Question, Mr. Mitchell Henry; Answer, The Financial Secretary, War Department (Mr. Herbert Gladstone) *May* 7, [305] 523

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- *Sanitary Condition of the Troops*, Question, Mr. Coope; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *May* 11, [305] 764

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- *Armed Steamers on the Nile*, Question, Mr. Gourley; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *Feb* 22, [302] 880
- *Service in the Nile Expedition*, Question, Sir John Commerell; Answer, The Secretary to the Admiralty (Mr. Hibbert) *Mar* 12, [303] 636
- *The Nile Expedition*, 1884-5, Question, Mr. Stanley Leighton; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *May* 14, [305] 1039

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- *Operations in the Soudan*, Question, Mr. O'Kelly; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *Feb* 26, [302] 1391
- *Soudan Campaign—The Royal Irish Regiment*, Questions, Sir Herbert Maxwell; Answers, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *Feb* 25, [302] 1209
- *Suakin*, Questions, Mr. Dillon, Sir George Campbell; Answers, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *Mar* 15, [303] 793
- *Supplies for the Soudanese—Blockade*, Questions, Mr. Dillon; Answers, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *Mar* 8, [303] 100; *Mar* 18, 1183
- *The Garrisons in the Soudan*, Questions, Mr. W. H. Smith; Answers, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *Mar* 22, [303] 1490
- *War in the Soudan—English and American Pumps*, Question, Mr. Hickman; Answer, The Surveyor General of Ordnance (Mr. Woodall) *Mar* 1, [302] 1544

- *Medals and Gratuities — H.M.S. "Jumna,"* Question, Mr. Vanderbyl; Answer, The Secretary to the Admiralty (Mr. Hibbert) *Mar* 1, [302] 1540
- *War Medals*, Question, Observations, Viscount Sidmouth; Reply, The Under Secretary of State for War (Lord Sandhurst) *Mar* 12, [303] 622;—*Egyptian Medal*, Question, Sir James Corry; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *June* 7, [306] 1125
- *The Battle of Ginnis—Medals, &c.*, Question, Viscount Newark; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *May* 11, [305] 761

- *British Force in Egypt and the Soudan*, Questions, Sir George Campbell, Mr. O'Kelly, Mr. Dillon; Answers, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *Mar* 1, [302] 1540
- *The Garrison at Kassala*, Questions, Mr. O'Kelly; Answers, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *Feb* 19, [302] 705

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Electric Lighting Act (1882) Amendment (No. 1) Bill [H.L.]
(*The Lord Rayleigh*)

l. Presented; read 1ª * *Mar* 2 (No. 25)
Read 2ª, after debate *Mar* 26, [304] 3
Moved, "That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee" *Mar* 26, 9; after short debate, Motion withdrawn
Referred to a Select Committee *April* 1
And, on *April* 12, the Lords following were named of the Committee:—E. Cowper, E. Camperdown, L. Ashford, L. Balfour of Burley, L. Rayleigh, L. Wigan, L. Methuen, L. Houghton, L. Lingen, L. Bramwell, L. Wolverton
Report of Select Comm. * *June* 4

Electric Lighting Act (1882) Amendment (No. 2) Bill [H.L.] (*Viscount Bury*)

l. Presented; read 1ª * *Mar* 19 (No. 40)
Read 2ª *Mar* 26, [304] 8
Moved, "That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee;" after short debate, Motion withdrawn
Referred to a Select Committee *April* 1
And, on *April* 12, the Lords following were named of the Committee:—E. Cowper, E. Camperdown, L. Ashford, L. Balfour of Burley, L. Rayleigh, L. Wigan, L. Methuen, L. Houghton, L. Lingen, L. Bramwell, L. Wolverton
Report of Select Comm. * *June* 4 [No. 147]

Electric Lighting Act, 1882—*Provisional or Private Bills*
Question, Mr. Northcote; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *Mar* 2, [302] 1763

Electric Lighting Act (1882) Amendment (No. 3) Bill [H.L.]
(*The Lord Houghton*)

l. Presented; read 1ª * *Mar* 26 (No. 48)
Read 2ª, after short debate *April* 1, [304] 419
Referred to a Select Committee *April* 1
And, on *April* 12, the Lords following were named of the Committee:—E. Cowper, E. Camperdown, L. Ashford, L. Balfour of Burley, L. Rayleigh, L. Wigan, L. Methuen, L. Houghton, L. Lingen, L. Bramwell, L. Wolverton
Moved, "That all petitions presented before the 15th instant against the said Bills be referred to the Committee, and that the petitioners have leave to be heard before the Committee by their counsel, agents, and witnesses in support of the allegations of their petitions" (*The Lord Grimthorpe*)

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Electric Lighting Act (1882) *Amendment* (*No.* 3) *Bill*—cont.

Amendt. to leave out all after the first ("Committee") insert ("and that the Committee have leave to hear such of the petitioners as they think fit by their counsel, agents, and witnesses" (*The Earl of Camperdown*)
After short debate, Amendt. to leave out ("before the 15th instant") insert ("on or before the first sitting day after the recess at Easter" (*The Lord Houghton*); after short debate, on Question? agreed to; Motion, as amended, agreed to
Ordered, That all petitions presented on or before the first sitting day after the recess at Easter against the said Bills be referred to the Committee, and that the Committee have leave to hear such of the petitioners as they think fit by their counsel, agents, and witnesses
Report * *June* 4 (No. 148)
Committee * *June* 10
Report *June* 18, [306] 1833

Electric Lighting—Legislation
Question, Mr. Watt; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *April* 2, [304] 604

Electric Lighting Provisional Order Bill
(*Mr. Charles Acland, Mr. Mundella*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * and referred to the Examiners *June* 11 [Bill 278]

Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (Birmingham) Bill [H.L.]
(*The Lord President*)

l. Presented; read 1ª *, and referred to the Examiners *May* 11 (No. 96)
Read 2ª * *May* 25
Committee * *June* 4
Report * *June* 7
Read 3ª * *June* 8
c. Read 1° * *June* 10 [Bill 272]
Read 2° * and committed *June* 17

Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill [H.L.]
(*The Lord President*)

l. Presented; read 1ª *, and referred to the Examiners *May* 11 (No. 97)
Read 2ª * *May* 25
Committee * *June* 4
Report * *June* 7
Read 3ª * *June* 8
c. Read 1° * *June* 10 [Bill 273]
Read 2° * and committed *June* 17

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Burgh Police and Health (Scotland), 1R. [303] 220; 2R. 1626, 1627
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Hyde Park Corner (New Streets), 2R. [305] 1261
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ELLIS, Mr. J. E., *Nottingham, Rushcliffe*
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Certified Industrial Schools and Voluntary Training Homes—Assisted Emigration of Children, Question, Mr. Howard Vincent; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Broadhurst) *Mar* 19, [303] 1354

Colonial Department—A Permanent Emigration Department, Questions, Mr. Seton-Karr, Mr. Baumann; Answers, The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Osborne Morgan) *April* 5, [304] 734
Emigrants' Information Office, Question, Observations, The Earl of Harrowby; Reply, The Secretary of State for the Colonies (Earl Granville) *May* 28, [306] 305; Question, Lord William Compton; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Osborne Morgan) *June* 7, 1139

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Emigration, State-Directed — Emigration Bureaux, Question, Mr. Gourley; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Osborne Morgan) *June* 18, [306] 1847

Emigrants to the Colonies—Assisted Passages, Question, Mr. Baumann; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Osborne Morgan) *April* 9, [304] 1162

Emigration of Orphan and Deserted Children, Question, Mr. Seton-Karr; Answer, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. Stansfeld) *April* 12, [304] 1307
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Employers' Liability Act, 1880
Kindred Legislation in Foreign Countries, Question, Mr. W. F. Lawrence; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *Feb* 26, [302] 1390
The London and North-Western Railway Company, Questions, Mr. Arthur O'Connor, Mr. Sexton; Answers, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *Mar* 19, [303] 1959; Question, Mr. Seton-Karr; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *Mar* 22, 1496

Employers' Liability Act (1880) Amendment Bill

(*Mr. Arthur O'Connor, Dr. Commins, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Jesse Collings*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 60]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *Feb* 23, [302] 1079; after debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Viscount Cranborne*); after further short debate, Question put, and negatived
Original Question again proposed; after short debate, original Question put, and agreed to; Bill read 2°
Moved, "That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee, and that it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power to inquire into the operation of 'The Employers' Liability Act, 1880,'" 1114; after short debate, Motion agreed to
Referred to a Select Committee *Mar* 11
And, on *Mar* 16, Committee nominated as follows:—Mr. Ainslie, Lord Charles Beresford, Mr. Bradlaugh, Sir Thomas Brassey, Mr. William Crawford, Mr. Crompton, Mr. Giles, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Nolan (Louth), Mr. Arthur O'Connor, Sir Joseph Pease, Sir Edward Reed, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tomlinson, Captain Verney, Sir Richard Webster
Mar 30, Mr. Giles *disch.*, Mr. Forwood *added*
April 19, Colonel Blundell and Mr. Hingley added
Special Report of Select Comm. *June* 11 [No. 192]

Employers' Liability Act (1880) Amendment (No. 2) Bill

(*Mr. Burt, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Joicey, Mr. Haldane, Mr. Lockwood*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 76]

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Employers' Liability Act (1880) *Amendment* (*No.* 2) *Bill*—cont.
- Read 2°, after short debate, and committed to the Select Committee on Employers' Liability Act (1880) Amendment Bill
- Special Report of Select Comm. *June* 11 [No. 192]

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- Arms (Ireland), Comm. [306] 235
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- Customs Department—Outport Clerks, [304] 87
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- Ireland — Piers and Harbours — Kingstown Harbour, [305] 1278
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- Army Estimates—Army Services, [306] 1542
- Crofters (Scotland) (No. 2), Comm. [304] 117; *cl.* 1, 170; *cl.* 6, 778, 797; *cl.* 8, 826; *cl.* 12, 933, 939; *cl.* 16, [305] 52, 80
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- Parliament—Queen's Speech, Address in Answer to, [302] 360
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c. Moved, "That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the provision for the future Government of Ireland" (*Mr. Gladstone*)
304] *April* 8, 1036; after long debate, Debate adjourned
. Debate resumed [Second Night] *April* 9, 1181; after long debate, Debate further adjourned
. Debate resumed [Third Night] *April* 12, 1316; after long debate, Debate further adjourned
. Debate resumed [Fourth Night] *April* 13, 1439; after long debate, Question put, and agreed to; Bill ordered; read 1° * [Bill 181]
. 2R. deferred *April* 14, 1568
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°"
305] *May* 10, 574
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. Debate resumed [Second Night] *May* 13, 912; after long debate, Debate further adjourned
. Debate resumed [Third Night] *May* 17, 1165; after long debate, Debate further adjourned
. Debate resumed [Fourth Night] *May* 18, 1299; after long debate, Debate further adjourned
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. Debate resumed [Fifth Night] *May* 21, 1667; after long debate, Debate further adjourned
306] Debate resumed [Sixth Night] *May* 25, 40; after long debate, Debate further adjourned
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. Debate resumed [Eleventh Night] *June* 4, 1018; after long debate, Debate further adjourned
. Debate resumed [Twelfth Night] *June* 7, 1145; after long debate, Question put; A. 311, N. 341; M. 30; Div. List, A. and N. 1240
Words added; main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to; 2R. put off for six months
Moved, "That this House, at the rising of the House this day, do adjourn till Thursday" (*Mr. W. E. Gladstone*); after short debate, Question put, and agreed to
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Cape Race Lighthouse, Comm. *cl.* 3, [304] 894, 895, 896
Employers' Liability Act (1880) Amendment, 2R. [302] 1092
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Midland Railway, 2R. Motion for Adjournment, [302] 1677 ; [303] 285
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Hillhead and Kelvinside (Annexation to Glasgow) Bill
l. Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª" (*The Lord Balfour*) *June* 1, [306] 619
Amendt. to leave out ("now,") add ("this day six months") (*The Marquess of Tweeddale*) ; after short debate, on Question, That ("now") &c.? resolved in the affirmative ; Bill read 2ª, and committed ; the Committee to be proposed by the Committee of Selection

Hoare, Mr. S., *Norwich*
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Hobhouse, Lord
Copyhold Enfranchisement, Res. [306] 990
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Hobhouse, Mr. H., *Somerset, E.*
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Holland, Right Hon. Sir H. T.—*cont.*
- Medical Acts Amendment, 2R. [305] 240; Comm. *cl.* 3, [306] 591; *cl.* 4, 592, 593; *cl.* 13, Amendt. 1426; *cl.* 25, Amendt. 1428; *add. cl.* 1432
- Metropolis—Metropolitan Police Force—Organization, Res. [302] 1433
- Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Supply, &c.), 2R. [303] 81
- Post Office, Submarine Telegraph Contract (St. Vincent to the West Coast of Africa), Res. [303] 70
- Republic of Hayti—Imprisonment of a British Subject, [306] 492
- School Fees of Non-Paupers, 2R. [303] 1725
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- Westminster Hall (Restoration), [302] 893

Holmes, Right Hon. H. (Attorney General for Ireland), *Dublin University*
- Ireland (Evictions)—The Returns, [302] 424
- Parliament—Queen's Speech, Address in Answer to, [302] 214

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- Arms (Ireland), Comm. [306] 231; *cl.* 2, 258; *add. cl.* 281, 285, 288
- Ireland—Arrears of Rent Act, 1882—Mr. H. M'Dougall, Agent to the Gormanstown Estate, Co. Meath, Res. [303] 719, 725
- Ireland—Maintenance of Social Order, [302] 1751; Res. 1917, 1921, 1923, 1925, 1926, 1932, 1943
- Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment, Comm. *cl.* 1, [303] 733; *add. cl.* 1439
- Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers' Expenses) (Ireland), 2R. [305] 844
- Poor Law Guardians (Ireland), 2R. [305] 1435
- Registration of Voters (Ireland), 2R. [306] 819
- Supply—Constabulary Force in Ireland, [302] 818, 823
  - County Court Officers, &c. Ireland, [302] 796, 800, 801
- Tenure of Town Houses (Ireland), 2R. [302] 1135

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Home Department—Secretary of State (*see* Childers, Right Hon. H. C. E.)

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Hooper, Mr. J., *Cork, S.E.*
- Army—Contracts—Regimental Supplies, [306] 493
  - Co-operative Stores, [305] 755, 756, 757, 758

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- Belfast Main Drainage, Res. [302] 1743
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  - Crime and Outrage—Alleged Outrages at Richfordstown, Clonakilty, Co. Cork, [302] 885
  - Fisheries—Loans for Building Fishing Smacks, [306] 1706
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- Burial Grounds, 2R. [305] 261
- Charterhouse, 2R. Motion for Adjournment, [305] 520
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- Shop Hours Regulation, 2R. Motion for Adjournment, [302] 688
- Sites for the New Public Offices — War Office and Admiralty, Motion for Adjournment, [302] 1999, 2000
- Tithe Rent-Charge (Extraordinary) Redemption, Comm. *cl.* 1, Motion for reporting Progress, [306] 1756, 1763

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- Bankruptcy (Agricultural Labourers' Wages), 2R. [304] 1614
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- Electric Lighting Act (1882) Amendment (No. 1), 2R. [304] 7
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Houldsworth, Mr. W. H., *Manchester, N.W.*
- Law and Justice (England and Wales) — Imprisonment of Mr. Howe Ashton, [303] 970
- Manchester Ship Canal, 2R. [303] 233
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- Post Office (Telegrams) — Insufficiently Addressed Telegrams, [304] 1624

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Housing of Working Classes in Towns (Ireland) Bill (*Mr. O'Kelly, Mr. Edmond Dwyer Gray, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Hooper, Mr. John Redmond*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 19]
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Howard, Mr. E. Stafford (Under Secretary of State for India), *Gloucester, Thornbury*
- Asia (Central) — Colonel Lockhart's Expedition to Thibet, [305] 755; [307] 59, 60
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  - Conduct of British Troops, [306] 1140
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  - Supply of Whitworth Guns, [304] 1765
- Copyhold Enfranchisement, Comm. *add. cl.* [304] 583
- East India (Revenue Accounts), Comm. [307] 70, 96, 152
- India—Questions
  - Army (India) — Case of Brigade Surgeon Ross, [306] 201; — Inspectors of Army Schools, [305] 567
  - Bengal — Government College of Kishnaghur, [305] 12
  - Bombay — The Indian Factory Act, 1885, [306] 187
  - Calcutta Custom House — Adulteration of M'Gavin and Co.'s Whisky, [305] 1524; [306] 188
  - East India Railway (Loans), [306] 1486
  - Indian Income Tax Act, [306] 30
  - Maharajah Dhuleep Singh, [306] 25
  - Railways—The Nagpore-Bengal Railway, [305] 526
  - Trade of British India — Blue Book—Mr. J. E. O'Conor, [307] 57
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Howard, Mr. J. M., *Camberwell, Dulwich*
- Civil Service Writers and Clerks, [304] 103
- Criminal Lunatics—Discharge of Strain, Wilson, Longman, and Jarvis, from Colney Hatch, [304] 255
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Howell, Mr. G., *Bethnal Green, N.E.*
- Commons Regulation (Hayling) Provisional Order, 2R. [305] 739
- Depression of Trade—Overtime in Government Factories, [303] 641
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- Metropolis—Metropolitan Police Force — Organization, Res. [302] 1403, 1410
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- Science and Art — Bethnal Green Museum, [304] 254
- Valuation of Real Property, Res. [305] 796
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- Lord Lieutenancy of Ireland, Res. [302] 290

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- Import Duties, Res. [305] 1109

Hubbard, Right Hon. J. G., *London*
- Church Patronage, 2R. Amendt. [304] 1001
- Foreign Office — Consular and Commercial Reports, [305] 564
- Tithe Rent-Charge Amendment, 2R. [303] 1747
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- Ways and Means—Financial Statement, Comm. [304] 1674

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- Drowned Persons (Discovery and Interment), 2R. [303] 1772, 1773; Consid. *cl.* 1, Amendt. [304] 1144
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- Public Health Acts (Improvement Expenses), Comm. *add. cl.* [306] 146
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- Army—Officers of the Reserve Corps, [303] 1789
  - Royal Artillery—Vacancies for Subaltern Officers, [302] 893
- Asia (Central)—The Zhob Valley Expedition, [303] 976
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  - Depreciation in Silver, [305] 1156
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  Metropolis, Disturbances in the—Power of the Chief Commissioner of Police in Event of Recurrence, [302] 903
  Navy—Engine Room Artificers, [303] 1639
    Plumbers of the Royal Navy, [304] 733
    Torpedo Boats, [306] 1135

Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Junction Railway and Dock Bill [Lords] (by Order)
c. Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" (*Sir Charles Forster*) *June* 11, [306] 1470
  Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day three months" (*Mr. Coddington*) ; Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c. ;" Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Major Dickson*) ; after short debate, Question put ; A. 57, N. 67 ; M. 10 (D. L. 128)
  Original Question again proposed, "That 'now,' &c." 1476 ; after short debate, original Question put, and agreed to
  Main Question put, and agreed to ; Bill read 2°
  Moved, "That Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, 223, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration" (*Sir Charles Forster*) *June* 21, [307] 34 ; Motion agreed to ; Bill considered ; Amendt. made
  Ordered, "That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read 3° ;" Bill read 3°

HUNT, Mr. F. S., *Marylebone, W.*
  Bishopric of Jerusalem, [303] 1370
  Navy—H.M.S. "Collingwood" — Bursting of the 43-ton Gun, [305] 1834
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HUNTER, Mr. W. A., *Aberdeen, N.*
  Burmah—Conduct of British Troops, [306] 1140
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304] Crofters (Scotland) (No. 2), Comm. *cl.* 1, 475 ; *cl.* 6, Amendt. 533, 535, 537
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  Allotments, Motion for a Return, [302] 848
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  Railways—Allotments to Servants, [303] 232, 233
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HUTTON, Mr. J. F., *Manchester, N.*
  Africa (East Coast)—Questions
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    Reports on Foreign Trade—Instructions to H.M. Agents, [303] 1806, 1807

Hyde Park Corner (New Streets) Bill
(*Mr. Leveson Gower, Mr. Henry H. Fowler, Mr. Broadhurst*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Feb* 22 [Bill 103]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *Mar* 1, [302] 1641; Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day six months" (*Lord Algernon Percy*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" after short debate, Question put, and agreed to
Main Question put, and agreed to; Bill read 2°, and committed to a Select Committee
Select Committee to consist of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House, and Two by the Committee of Selection *Mar* 8, [303] 219
And, on *Mar* 29, Committee nominated as follows: — Mr. Cobb, Mr. Leveson Gower, Lord Algernon Percy
Report of Select Comm. *April* 14 [No. 114]
Committee * (*on re-comm*); Report; read 3° *May* 3 [Bill 182]
l. Read 1ª * (*Earl of Elgin*) *May* 6 (No. 88)
Read 2ª, and committed, after short debate *May* 18, [305] 1261; the Committee to be proposed by the Committee of Selection
Report of Select Comm. *June* 24

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Colonies, Motion for an Address, [304] 593
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Idiots Bill [H.L.] (*The Lord Chancellor*)
l. Presented; read 1ª * *Mar* 23 (No. 46)
Read 2ª *Mar* 30, [304] 243
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Read 3ª * *April* 12
c. Read 1° * *June* 16 [Bill 287]
Read 2° * *June* 17
Committee *; Report; read 3° *June* 18
l. Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 25]

Illingworth, Mr. A., *Bradford, W.*
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Navy (Efficiency), Res. [303] 900
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Ways and Means—Financial Statement, Comm. [304] 1706

Imperial Defences—see title *Defences of the Empire*

Imperial Federation
Conference during the Colonial Exhibition, Question, Mr. Howard Vincent; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Mar* 22, [303] 1500
"*Imperial Federation, Naval and Military*" —*Captain Colomb's Lecture*, Questions, Mr. Howard Vincent; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *June* 4, [306] 1015

Imperial Revenue, 1801-1840—*Proportion of Taxation paid by Ireland*
Question, Sir Joseph M'Kenna; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *April* 1, [304] 430

Imperial Taxation on Real and Realized Personal Property—The Return
Question, Sir Richard Paget; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *June* 10, [306] 1290
Taxation and Population, 1851-81 *P.P.* 108

Import Duties
Amendt. on Committee of Supply *May* 14, To leave out from "That," add "in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a larger portion of the Revenue of the Country from Import Duties, and that such Duties should be levied on certain descriptions of fully manufactured Foreign goods, entering into competition with similar goods of our own make; and that the Revenue so obtained should be applied to the reduction of the Duties on tea, coffee, and cocoa, and of

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other burdensome imposts" (*Mr. Jennings*) *v.* [305] 1045 ; Question proposed, "That the words, &c. ;" after long debate, Question put, and agreed to

INCE, Mr. H. B., *Islington, E.*
- Artizans' Dwellings (Metropolis), [303] 627
- Crofters (Scotland) (No. 2), Comm. *add. cl.* Motion for reporting Progress, [305] 131
- Ecclesiastical Commissioners—Evictions near Bream's Buildings, Chancery Lane, [306] 502
- Government of Ireland Bill—Meeting at the Foreign Office, [306] 674
  - Policy of the Government, Ministerial Statement, [306] 330
- Government of Ireland, 2R. [306] 742
- High Court of Justice (Chancery Division), [303] 99
- Infants, 2R. [304] 651 ; Comm. Motion for reporting Progress, 1750 ; *cl.* 2, Amendt. 1869 ; *add. cl.* 1874, 1876; Consid. *cl.* 2, Amendt. [305] 248
- Land Registry, 2R. Motion for Adjournment, [302] 998 ; Comm. 1639
- Supply—Colonial Local Revenue, &c. [302] 1253

Income Tax (*Great Britain and Ireland*)
- *Schedule B*, Questions, Sir Joseph M'Kenna ; Answers, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *May* 6, [305] 360 ; *May* 24, 1823
- *Iron Sailing Ships* (*Liverpool*)—*Allowance for Depreciation in Value*, Question, Mr. Baily ; Answer, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt) *June* 21, [307] 62

Income Tax
- Moved, "That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the way in which Income Tax is levied, especially on unlet property, on partially let property, on property rated above its present letting value, on the investments of Insurance Companies, Savings and other Banks, and other cases in which Income Tax is claimed on more than the income actually received" (*Mr. Bartley*) *May* 11, [305] 801 ; after short debate, Question put ; A. 63, N. 174 ; M. 111 (D. L. 9)
- Amendt. on Committee of Supply *June* 11, To leave out from "That," add "in the opinion of this House, all persons in any way concerned in the assessment of the Income Tax should be paid by salary and not by poundage or in proportion to the amount of such assessments" (*Mr. Hickman*) *v.*, [306] 1507 ; Question proposed, "That the words, &c. ;" after short debate, Amendt. withdrawn

Income Tax Administration Amendment Bill (*Mr. Hubbard, Sir Charles Forster, Mr. Leatham, Mr. Whitley*)
c. Ordered ; read 1° * *Feb* 24 [Bill 115]
2R. [Dropped]

Incumbents of Benefices Loans Extension Bill [H.L.]
(*The Duke of Buckingham*)
l. Presented ; read 1ª * *May* 7 (No. 89)
Read 2ª, after short debate *May* 17, [305] 1150
Committee * ; Report *May* 18
Read 3ª * *May* 20
c. Read 1° * (*Mr. Secretary Childers*) *June* 16
Read 2° * *June* 17 [Bill 276]
Committee * ; Report ; Considered ; read 3° *June* 18
Commons' Amendts. *June* 19 (No. 177)
Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 34]

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INDIA—Secretary of State (*see* KIMBERLEY, Earl of)

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INDIA—Under Secretary of State (*see* HOWARD, Mr. E. STAFFORD)

INDIA (*Questions*)
- *Railways and Public Works*, Questions, Mr. Fell Pease, Mr. Jackson ; Answers, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Mar* 18, [303] 1169
- *Religious Provisions—Protestant Chaplains and Catholic Priests*, Question, Mr. Donal Sullivan ; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Feb* 22, [302] 881
- *Telegraph Department — Promotion — Grievances of Officers*, Question, Mr. Conybeare ; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Feb* 22, [302] 896
- *The Cinchona Bark Trade*, Question, Mr. Lewis M'Iver ; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *April* 9, [304] 1166
- *The Independent Native States—The Martini-Henry Rifle*, Questions, Lord Randolph Churchill ; Answers, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *Mar* 8, [303] 107
- *The Indian Army Acts*, Question, Mr. Buchanan ; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Mar* 25, [303] 1797
- *The Maharajah Dhuleep Singh*, Question, Mr. Hanbury ; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Mr. Stafford Howard) *May* 25, [306] 25
- *Trade of British India—The Blue Book—Mr. J. E. O'Conor*, Question, Mr. Ashton ; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Mr. Stafford Howard) *June* 21, [307] 57

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Calcutta Custom House — Adulteration of M'Gavin and Co's. Whisky, Questions, Sir Robert Fowler; Answers, The Under Secretary of State for India (Mr. Stafford Howard) *May* 20, [305] 1524; *May* 27, [306] 187

Legal Appointments, Question, Mr. Hunter; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Feb* 19, [302] 712

The Government College at Kishnaghur, Question, Sir Roper Lethbridge; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Mr. Stafford Howard) *April* 19, [305] 12

The Patwari Bill, Question, Sir Roper Lethbridge; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Mar* 12, [303] 638

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Mr. P. H. Cama's Hospital, Question, Sir W. Guyer Hunter; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *April* 5, [304] 727

The Indian Factory Act, 1885, Question, Sir James Fergusson; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Mr. Stafford Howard) *May* 27, [306] 187

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Depreciation of the Rupee, Questions, Colonel Hughes-Hallett; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Feb* 26, [302] 1383

The Silver Currency, Question, Mr. James Maclean; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Mar* 26, [304] 27; Questions, Mr. James Maclean; Answers, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt) *May* 13, [305] 909

Graduated Income Tax, Question, Mr. J. Chamberlain; Answer, The Secretary of State for India (Lord Randolph Churchill) *Jan* 22, [302] 190

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Indian Civil Administration—The Government of India Act, 1858, Questions, Sir James Fergusson, Mr. Hunter; Answers, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Feb* 19, [302] 709;—*The Committee on Indian Administration—Guaranteed Capital of Railways*, Question, Mr. Lionel Cohen; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Feb* 23, [302] 1027

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The Covenanted and Uncovenanted Civil Service, Question, Mr. Serjeant Simon; Answer, The Secretary of State for India (Lord Randolph Churchill) *Jan* 25, [302] 317; Question, Mr. James Maclean; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Feb* 23, [302] 1032

Pay of Native Officials, Question, Sir Roper Lethbridge; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Feb* 23, [302] 1030

Railways

The Bengal Central Railway Company, Question, Sir George Campbell; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Mar* 23, [303] 1633

The Nagpore-Bengal Railway, Question, Mr. J. M. Maclean; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Mr. Stafford Howard) *May* 7, [305] 526

The Scinde, Punjaub, and Delhi Railway, Question, Mr. E. R. Russell; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Mar* 11, [303] 456

India—Administration of Justice

Moved, "That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty for Return of the taxes and duties raised or levied on the administration of justice in India during the year 1885, whether by stamps, ad valorem duties, or otherwise, under the Act of the Governor General of India in Council in 1870, or any of the Acts referred to therein, or otherwise; and that the subject of the taxation of justice in India be referred to the Select Committee on the operation of the Act for the better government of India (1858), and certain other Acts relating to India" (*The Lord FitzGerald*) *Mar* 23, [303] 1612; after short debate, Motion withdrawn

India—East India (Revenue Accounts)

Considered in Committee *June* 21, [307] 70

Moved, "That it appears, by the Accounts laid before this House, that the Total Revenue of India for the year ending the 31st day of March 1885 was £70,690,681; that the Total Expenditure in India and in England charged to Revenue was £71,077,127; that there was an excess of Expenditure over Revenue of £386,446, and that the Capital Outlay on Railways and Irrigation Works was £4,226,613, besides a Capital Charge of £1,314,746 in connection with the Purchase of the Eastern Bengal Railway, and in the Redemption of Liabilities" (*The Under Secretary of State for India, Mr. Stafford Howard*); after long debate, Resolution agreed to

Resolution reported

Case of Mr. Moore, Personal Explanation, Lord Randolpph Churchill; short debate thereon *June* 24, [307] 269

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Parl. Papers—
Financial Statement, 1886-7 . . *P.P.* 172
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India—Government of India
Moved, "That a Select Committee be appointed to join with a Committee of the Commons to inquire into the operation of the following Acts of Parliament:—
"Statute 21st and 22nd Vict. chap. 106. An Act for the better Government of India (1858), and the Acts of Parliament amending the same:
"Statute 24th and 25th Vict. chap. 67. The Indian Councils Act (1861), together with the statutory provisions amending the same, and those relating to the Executive Councils of the Governors of Madras and Bombay:
"Statute 24th and 25th Vict. chap. 104. (1861). An Act for establishing High Courts of Judicature in India:
"Statute 24th and 25th Vict. chap. 54. (1861). An Act to confirm certain appointments in India, and to amend the law concerning the civil service there:
"Statute 33rd Vict. chap. 3. (1870). An Act to make better provision for making laws and regulations in certain parts of India, and for certain other purposes relating thereto" (*The Earl of Kimberley*) *Mar* 11, [303] 410; after short debate, Motion agreed to
And, on *Mar* 16, the Lords following were named of the Committee:—D. Norfolk, D. Buckingham and Chandos, M. Ripon, E. Derby, E. Cowper, E. Cadogan, E. Kimberley, E. Northbrook, E. Lytton, E. Iddesleigh, V. Cranbrook, L. Harris, L. Elgin, L. Napier, L. Revelstoke, L. Hobhouse
And a Message sent to the Commons to acquaint them that this House has appointed a Committee of sixteen Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider the operation of the Act for the better government of India (1858), and certain other Acts relating to India; and to request that the Commons will be pleased to appoint an equal number of Members to be joined with the Members of this House
Place of Inquiry, Questions, Sir Roper Lethbridge, Dr. Clark, Mr. Macfarlane; Answers, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Mar* 12, [303] 637
The Constitution of the Committee, Question, Lord Randolph Churchill; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Mar* 4, [302] 1915; Question, Mr. King; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Mar* 15, [303] 815; Questions, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Mr. Macfarlane; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Mar* 18, 1182; Question, Mr. Magniac; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Mar* 19, 1374; Question, Mr. Magniac; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for India (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth) *Mar* 22, 1489; Question, Mr. Magniac; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *April* 1, [304] 456; Question, Mr. Magniac; Answer, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt) *April* 19, [305] 19; Questions, Mr. J. M. Maclean, Lord Randolph Churchill; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *May* 17, 1161; Question, Mr. Magniac; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *May* 21, 1666; Question, Sir George Campbell; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *May* 28, [306] 316
Moved, "That the Orders of the 11th and 16th of March last be discharged" (*The Secretary of State for India, The Earl of Kimberley*) *June* 21, [307] 4; after short debate, Motion agreed to; Orders discharged

Infants Bill (*Mr. Attorney General, The Lord Advocate, Mr. Secretary Childers, Mr. Bryce*)

c. Motion for Leave (*Mr. Attorney General*) *Mar* 12, [303] 739; Motion agreed to; Bill ordered; read 1° * [Bill 139]
Read 2°, after debate *April* 2, [304] 650
Committee—R.P. *April* 5, 897
Committee—R.P. *April* 15, 1750
Committee; Report *April* 16, 1867
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Read 3° * *May* 5
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Chancellor*) *May* 6 (No. 86)
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c. Lords Amendts. *June* 1 [Bill 248]
l. Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 27]

INGRAM, Mr. W. J., *Boston*
Allotments Extension Act, 1883—The Charities of Kirton and Swineshead, Lincolnshire—Action of the Trustees, [304] 260

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International and Colonial Copyright Bill (*Mr. Acland, Mr. Mundella, Mr Bryce, Mr. Osborne Morgan, Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 29 [Bill 156]
Read 2°, after short debate *April* 8, [304] 1142
Committee—R.P. *April* 15, 1748
Committee—R.P. *May* 6, [305] 478
Committee *; Report *June* 1
Considered; read 3° *June* 3, [306] 972
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Chancellor*) *June* 4 (No. 144)
Read 2ª *June* 8, 1250
Committee; Report *June* 18, 1835
Read 3ª *June* 21, [307] 21
Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 33]

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Intoxicating Liquors (Sale to Children) Bill (*Mr. Conybeare, Mr. Theodore Fry, Mr. Cossham, Mr. Valentine, Mr. Allison, Mr. O. V. Morgan, Mr. Channing*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 29 [Bill 157]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *April* 2, [304] 656; after long debate, Question put; A. 132, N. 115; M. 17 (D. L. 60)
Order for Committee read; Moved, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" *June* 16, [306] 1655
Amendt. to leave out from "That," add "this House will, upon this day three months, resolve itself into the said Committee" (*Viscount Grimston*) *v.*; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after short debate, Amendt. withdrawn; main Question put, and agreed to; Committee; Report
Considered; read 3°, after short debate *June* 17, 1822
l. Read 1ª * (*E. of Milltown*) *June* 18 (No. 176)
Read 2ª, after short debate *June* 22, [307] 184
Committee; Report; read 3ª *June* 23, 193 (No. 205)
Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 56]

Ionian Bank Bill
l. Read 2ª (*The Duke of Buckingham*) *May* 21, [305] 1635

IRELAND (*Questions*)
Alleged Cattle Stealing, Co. Leitrim, Question, Captain M'Calmont; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *May* 20, [305] 1526
Arrears of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1882—*Case of Mr. Templeman, Agent to Mrs. Armstrong*, Questions, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Tottenham; Answers, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *April* 9, [304] 1159
Church of Ireland—Collection of the Tithe Rent-charge, Question, Mr. Stanley Leighton; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Mar* 8, [303] 113
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The Eaton Bequest, Rights of Claimants to, Question, Mr. W. J. Corbet; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *May* 11, [303] 448
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Court of Bankruptcy—Delays of Liquidation, Question, Mr. Peter M'Donald; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *May* 6, [305] 361;—*Irregularities*, Question, Mr. Peter M'Donald; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *May* 6, [305] 362
Local Bankruptcy Courts, Question, Mr. De Cobain; Answer, The Attorney General (Sir Charles Russell) *April* 6, [304] 917
Department of the Registrar General—Scheme of Re-organization, Questions, Mr. Peter M'Donald; Answers, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Feb* 22, [302] 899; Question, Mr. Arthur O'Connor; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Mar* 4, 1894
Disorderly Persons, &c. Act Amendment Act, 1838—*Sunday Baking in Ireland*, Question, Mr. Nolan; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *June* 7, [306] 1121
Drainage Loans, Question, Colonel Nolan; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *June* 1, [306] 674
England and Ireland—A Submarine Tunnel, Question, Colonel Blundell; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Mar* 8, [303] 117
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Orange Emergency Committee (Co. Cavan), Question, Mr. Johnston; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Mar* 2, [302] 1763

Public Meetings—Speech of Mr. George Hill Smith at Newry, Question, Mr. Alexander Blane; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Feb* 26, [302] 1369; — *Attendance of Civil Servants — Mr. George Hill Smith*, Question, Mr. Alexander Blane; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *April* 9, [304] 1164

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Reprint of the Act of Union, Questions, Mr. Raikes, Mr. Arthur O'Connor, Mr. O'Kelly, Mr. John O'Connor (Kerry, S.), Lord Randolph Churchill, Mr. Labouchere; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *April* 16, [304] 1773

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Deposits in Irish Banks, Question, Mr. Hanbury; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Mar* 4, [302] 1914

Secret Societies—Courts in Orange Lodges, Question, Mr. W. O'Brien; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley); Questions, Mr. O'Kelly, Mr. J. O'Connor [no reply] *Mar* 8, [303] 100

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Phœnix Park (Dublin)—Barracks for Married Constabulary—The Public Parks, Questions, Mr. T. M. Healy; Answers, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler), The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Mar* 2, [302] 1756; Questions, Mr. T. M. Healy, Captain M'Calmont; Answers, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 4, 1907

New Barracks, The, Question, Mr. T. M. Healy; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *April* 1, [304] 456

Private Enclosures, Question, Mr. Clancy; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 25, [303] 1783

The Dublin Mounted Police—Sergeant Chase, Question, Mr. T. M. Healy; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *June* 4, [306] 1006

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Land Commission Court—Appeals, Question, Mr. Marum; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Feb* 25, [302] 1199;—*in Westmeath*, Question, Mr. Tuite; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Mar* 1, [302] 1536

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Distress in Dublin, Question, Mr. Fox; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Mar* 19, [303] 1361

Distress in Kerry, Questions, Mr. John O'Connor (Kerry, S.), Mr. E. Harrington; Answers, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *May* 14, [305] 1038

Distress in Wicklow, Questions, Mr. W. J. Corbet; Answers, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Feb* 23, [302] 1025; *Mar* 22, [303] 1476

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State of the Western Islands, Question, Mr. Deasy; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Feb* 23, [302] 1026; Question, Mr. Sexton; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Mar* 1, 1519

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Ireland (*Electoral Statistics*)

Moved for Return, 1. "Of the number of registered electors in each county, city, and borough, or division of a county, city, or borough, in Ireland returning members to Parliament; 2. Of the number of electors who voted in each of the above at the late general election; 3. Of the number of electors, voting in each of the above at the late general election, who declared themselves illiterate" (*The Earl of Limerick*) *Jan* 25, [302] 302; Motion agreed to *P.P.* (75)

Ireland (*Evictions*)—*Case of the Widow Anne Shaw, Co. Monaghan*

Amendt. on Committee of Supply *Feb* 19, To leave out from "That," add "the falsification of the records of the Monaghan County Court by the Clerk of the Peace, observed on by the Court of Appeal, calls for the immediate removal of the officials implicated" (*Mr. Timothy Healy*) *v.*, [302] 717; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after short debate, Amendt. withdrawn

Questions, Mr. Macartney, Mr. T. M. Healy; Answers, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Mar* 2, 1759

Ireland, Government of — Ministerial Policy

Moved, "That the Ministerial plan for government of Ireland be introduced forthwith, and take precedence of all public business up to report" (*The Lord Waveney*) *Jan* 25, [302] 297; after short debate, Motion withdrawn

Ireland—Industries

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Natural Resources and the Present Condition of Manufacturing and Productive Industries in Ireland; and to consider and report by what means those Natural Resources may be more fully developed, and how those Industries may be encouraged and extended (*Mr. Sexton*)

Ireland, Lord Lieutenancy of

Moved, "That, in the opinion of this House, the time has now come when the post of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland may be abolished with advantage" (*The Earl of Kilmorey*) *Jan* 25, [302] 276; after debate, Motion withdrawn

Ireland—Maintenance of Social Order

Notice of Resolution, Mr. Holmes *Mar* 2, [302] 1571

Amendt. on Committee of Supply *Mar* 4, To leave out from "That," add "this House is unwilling to entertain Estimates for the Civil Establishments in Ireland before being placed in possession of the policy which Her Majesty's Government intend to pursue for the restoration and maintenance of social order in that country" (*Mr. Holmes*) *v.*, 1917; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after long debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Major Saunderson*); Question put; A. 204, N. 364; M. 160 (D. L. 16); Question again proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after short debate, Question put, and agreed to

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Ireland (Repression of Crime)—Coercion Bills

Moved, "That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty for a Return, from 1830 to the present time, of all Coercion Bills (by whatever title they may be called) passed by Parliament, and by whom they were proposed: Also, a Return of agrarian crime committed 18 months previous to, and 18 months after, the passing of the said Acts" (*The Lord Oranmore and Browne*) *April* 13, [304] 1421; after short debate, Motion withdrawn

Ireland—Special Protective and Repressive Criminal Legislation

Moved, "That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty for a Return, from 1830 to the present time, of all special protective and repressive criminal legislation applicable to Ireland (by whatever name called), with the dates and names of proposers: Also, a Return (so far as may be practicable) of all crimes, specifying conspiracy, sedition, murder, offences against the person, agrarian offences, arson, intimidation, &c., committed 12 months next before, and next after, the passing of the Act" (*The Lord Oranmore and Browne*) *April* 15, [304] 1614; after short debate, Motion withdrawn

Ireland—Salmon and Trout Fishing

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the operation of the existing Law regulating Salmon and Trout Fishing in Ireland, and to report whether any Amendments in the Law are desirable" (*Mr. Sexton*) *Mar* 5

Ireland, State of—Representations from Public Bodies to the Prime Minister

Correspondence on the Irish Question—Mr. Gladstone and Viscount de Vesci, Question, Mr. Johnston; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Mar* 4, [302] 1915

Copy of Selection from the representations made to the First Lord of the Treasury by public bodies, in response to the invitation for the free communication of views on Ireland, contained in a letter addressed by the First Lord of the Treasury to Viscount de Vesci on the 12th day of February, 1886, ordered by the House of Commons on the 16th April last to be printed, No. 117: Ordered to be laid before the House (*The Lord Ashbourne*) *May* 13 *P.P.* (101) 117

Ireland—The Legislative Union—Petition of General Synod of the Church of Ireland presented

Moved, "That the said Petition be read by the Clerk" (*The Earl of Courtown*) *April* 5, [304] 720; Motion agreed to; Petition read accordingly, and ordered to lie on the Table

Ireland—Trinity College, Dublin

Moved, "That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the tenure of lands under Trinity College, Dublin, and the Provost thereof in his corporate capacity; and on the working of the Trinity College, Dublin, Leasing and Perpetuity Act, 1851, with respect to the variation of rent, and its effect on the value of the interest respectively of the college, the perpetuity grantees, and the occupying perpetuity tenants of the lands" (*The Earl of Leitrim*) *Mar* 22, [303] 1456; after debate, Motion withdrawn

Ireland and Great Britain — Imperial Revenue and Population

Moved, "That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Gross Imperial Revenue of Ireland derived from taxation, and of the Population of Ireland for the years 1851, 1861, 1871, and 1881, and a like Return for Great Britain for the same years, being in both cases a continuation, in like form, of Parliamentary Paper, No. 407, of Session 1874" (*Sir Joseph M'Kenna*) *Feb* 23, [302] 1039; after debate, Amendt. made, in lines 3 and 4, by leaving out "Great Britain," and inserting "England and Scotland" *v.*: main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to

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c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 10]
302] Read 2°, after debate *Mar* 3, 1810
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. Committee; Report *Mar* 19, 1429
Moved, "That the Bill, as amended, be taken into Consideration upon Monday next,"
. 1446
Amendt. to leave out "Monday next," insert "Thursday" (*Mr. Brodrick*); Question proposed, "That 'Monday next,' &c.;" after short debate, Question put, and agreed to; main Question put, and agreed to
. Considered *Mar* 25, 1930
Read 3° * *Mar* 29
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Fitz Gerald*) *Mar* 30 (No. 51)
304] Read 2ª, after short debate *April* 12, 1292
305] Committee *May* 18, 1263 (No. 120)
Moved, "That the Report of the Amendts. be
306] received" *May* 28, 298
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Moved, "That the Report of the Amendts. be received on Friday next;" Motion agreed to
Report * *June* 4
. Read 3ª *June* 17, 1677
c. Lords' Amendts. *June* 17 [Bill 290]
307] Lords' Amendts. considered *June* 21, 160
Moved, "That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendts." (*Mr. Parnell*); after short debate, Motion withdrawn
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. agreed;" List of the Committee, 269
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Amendts. to which the Commons have disagreed; on Question, resolved in the affirmative *June* 24
Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 59]

Labour Statistics
Moved, "That, in the opinion of this House, immediate steps should be taken to ensure in this Country the full and accurate collection and publication of Labour Statistics" (*Mr. Bradlaugh*) *Mar* 2, [302] 1768
Amendt. to leave out from "That," insert "a Select Committee be appointed to consider the best means of collecting and publishing statistics as to Labour in the United Kingdom" (*Mr. E. Stanhope*) *v.*; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after debate, Amendt. withdrawn; main Question put, and agreed to

LACAITA, Mr. C. C., *Dundee*
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Lambeth Water Bill
c. Read 2°, after short debate *Mar* 1, [302] 1505
Moved, "That the Bill be committed" (*Sir Charles Forster*); Amendt. at end, add "to a Select Committee, to consist of Nine Members, Five to be nominated by the House, and Four by the Committee of Selection" (*Mr. Thorold Rogers*); Question proposed, "That those words be there added;" after short debate, Question put, and agreed to; main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to
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Land Cultivation Bill
(*Mr. Bradlaugh, Mr. Labouchere, Mr. Arch, Mr. Burt*)
c. Ordered; read 1°* *Jan* 22 [Bill 71]
Bill withdrawn, after debate *April* 14, [304] 1582

Land (Highlands and Islands) Bill
(*Mr. Gavin Clark, Mr. Macfarlane, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Jesse Collings, Mr. Burt*)
c. Ordered; read 1°* *Jan* 22 [Bill 48]
2R. [Dropped]

Land Law (*Ireland*) *Act*, 1881
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Sittings in Cork City, Question, Mr. Deasy; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Mar* 9, [303] 296
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Land Law (Ireland) Act (1881) Amendment Bill (*Mr. Connolly, Mr. Parnell, Mr. Timothy Healy, Mr. Sexton, Mr. William O'Brien*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 1]
Bill withdrawn * *June* 10

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Landlord's Right of Distress Abolition Bill (*Mr. Crompton, Mr. Winterbotham, Mr. Arthur Elliot, Mr. Brunner*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 43]
2R. [Dropped]

Land Purchase Facilities Bill
(*Mr. M'Laren, Mr. Joseph Bolton, Mr. Houldsworth, Mr. Jesse Collings*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 41]
Bill withdrawn * *Mar* 19

Land Purchase (Ireland) Act, 1885—Statistics of Purchases
Question, Sir George Campbell; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *May* 4, [305] 267

Land Registry Bill [H.L.]
(*The Lord Chancellor*)
l. Presented; read 1ª * *Jan* 25 (No. 7)
Read 2ª; Committee negatived; read 3ª *Jan* 26, [302] 406
c. Read 1° * (*Mr. Henry H. Fowler*) *Feb* 19
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *Feb* 22, 996
Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Ince*); after short debate, Question put, and negatived
Original Question again proposed, 1002; after short debate, original Question put, and agreed to; Bill read 2° [Bill 91]
Committee; Report; read 3°, after short debate *Mar* 1, 1639
l. Royal Assent *Mar* 5 [49 *Vict.* c. 1]

Land Registry Office—The Registrar
Questions, Mr. Rylands, Mr. Edmund Robertson; Answers, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir Michael Hicks-Beach) *Jan* 26, [302] 420

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(*Mr. Leveson Gower, Mr. Henry H. Fowler*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Feb* 24 [Bill 113]
Read 2° * *Mar* 1
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l. Read 1ª * (*L. Sudeley*) *June* 17 (No. 165)
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Land Tenure and Transfer Bill
(*Mr. Ince, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Stanhope Kenny*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 83]
2R. [Dropped]

Land, Tenure of—Homestead and Exemption Laws in the United States
Question, Mr. Edmund Robertson; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *May* 7, [305] 524

Land Transfer (Scotland) Bill
(*Mr. Boyd-Kinnear, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Mason, Mr. M'Laren*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 17 [Bill 144]
2R. negatived, after debate *May* 11, [305] 808

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Circuit Arrangements, Question, Mr. Morgan Howard; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Broadhurst) *Mar* 19, [303] 1368

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Convict Labour, Question, Mr. Dawson; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 4, [302] 1898

County Courts—Imprisonment for Contempt of Court, Question, Mr. Thomas; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 5, [303] 8

Criminal Prosecutions—The Public Prosecutor, Question, Mr. Picton; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 5, [303] 17

Prison Discipline—Treadmills, Question, Mr. Ruston; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 25, [303] 1802

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The Foreshore of Teignmouth Harbour, Question, Mr. Seale-Hayne; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 8, [303] 114

The Law of Evidence in Conspiracy and Divorce, Question, Mr. H. J. Wilson; Answer, The Attorney General (Sir Charles Russell); Observations, Sir Charles W. Dilke *Mar* 26, [304] 34

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Murder of Police Constable Hine at Fenny Compton, Question, Mr. Cobb; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 26, [302] 1389

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2R. deferred, after short debate *June* 17, [306] 1820
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2º" *June* 18, 1869; after short debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. W. O'Brien*); Question put; A. 37, N. 40; M. 3 (D. L. 139)
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- *c.* Ordered; read 1°* *Feb* 22 [Bill 104]
- 2R. [Dropped]

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- Church Patronage, 2R. [304] 989
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Licensing Laws (Amendment) (Local Control) Bill (*Mr. Stafford Howard, Mr. Houldsworth, Mr. C. T. Dyke Acland*)

c. Considered in Committee; Resolution agreed to, and reported; Bill ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 35]

2R. [Dropped]

Lichfield Charities—Lowe's Charity

Moved, "That, in the opinion of this House, every Scheme of the Charity Commissioners ought to provide for the majority of the Trustees or Managers being directly elected by the ratepayers in the locality to which the Charity extends" (*Sir John Swinburne*) *May* 18, [305] 1385; after short debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. James Stuart*); after further short debate, Question put; A. 59, N. 73; M.-14 (D. L. 97)

Original Question again proposed, 1403; after short debate, original Question put, and agreed to

Lighthouses

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Report of the Committee, Question, Lord Claud Hamilton; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *Mar* 11, [303] 477

Experiments at South Foreland, Question, Sir James Corry; Answer, The Secretary to the Board of Trade (Mr. C. T. D. Acland) *April* 6, [304] 911;—*The Correspondence,* Question, Dr. Cameron; Answer, The Secretary to the Board of Trade (Mr. C. T. D. Acland) *May* 13, [305] 902;—*Reports from Foreign Governments,* Question, Dr. Cameron; Answer, The Secretary to the Board of Trade (Mr. C. T. D. Acland) *June* 7, [306] 1138

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Burners — Sir James Douglass's Patents, Question, Mr. Fitzgerald; Answer, The Secretary to the Board of Trade (Mr. C. T. D. Acland) *June* 10, [306] 1297

Wigham's Double Quadriform Gas Light, Question, Mr. Arthur O'Connor; Answer, The Secretary to the Board of Trade (Mr. C. T. D. Acland) *June* 17, [306] 1709

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(*Mr. M'Lagan, Dr. Cameron, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Noel, Mr. Cameron Corbet, Mr. Jacks, Mr. Mark Stewart, Mr. Lacaita, Dr. Clark*)
c. Considered in Committee; Resolution agreed to, and reported; Bill ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 72]
Order for 2R. read, and discharged; Bill withdrawn *June* 16, [306] 1635

Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Ulster Bill
(*Mr. Johnston, Lord Arthur Hill, Mr. De Cobain*)
c. Considered in Committee; Resolution agreed to, and reported; Bill ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 15 [Bill 142]
2R. [Dropped]

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Loans to Landowners
Amendt. on Committee of Supply *Feb* 26, To leave out from "That," add "it is desirable that more extended facilities should be given by legislation to owners of land to improve their estates by means of moneys borrowed on Terminable Annuities from the State" (*Sir John Swinburne*) *v.*, [302] 1450; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after debate, Question put, and agreed to

Local Government Bill
Question, Viscount Cranborne; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Feb* 22, [302] 910

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD—President (*see* BALFOUR, Right Hon. A. J.)

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Question, Mr. Cobb; Answer, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. Chamberlain) *Mar* 15, [303] 818

Local Government Provisional Order (County Divisions) Bill
(*Mr. Borlase, Mr. Stansfeld*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 21 [Bill 225]
Read 2° * *June* 1
Report * *June* 10
Read 3° * *June* 11
l. Read 1ª * *June* 17 (No. 167)
Waiting for 2R. *June* 25

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Fermoy) Bill [H.L.]
(*The Lord President*)
l. Presented; read 1ª *, and referred to the Examiners *Mar* 12 (No. 32)
Read 2ª * *Mar* 25
Committee *; Report *May* 17
Read 3ª * *May* 18
c. Read 1° * *May* 21 [Bill 226]
Read 2° * *June* 1
Report * *June* 10
Considered * *June* 11
Read 3° * *June* 16
l. Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. lv]

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Public Health Act) Bill [H.L.]
(*The Earl of Kimberley*)
l. Presented; read 1ª *, and referred to the Examiners *April* 16 (No. 83)
Read 2ª * *May* 13
Committee *; Report *May* 21
Read 3ª * *May* 24
c. Read 1° * *May* 27 [Bill 239]
Read 2° * *June* 1
Report * *June* 10
Read 3° * *June* 11
l. Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. liv.]

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Public Health Act) (No. 2) Bill (*Mr. John Morley, Mr. Henry H. Fowler*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *June* 7 [Bill 261]
Read 2°, * and committed *June* 18

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill (*Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Secretary Childers*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *April* 12 [Bill 173]
Read 2° * *May* 3
Report * *May* 12
Read 3° * *May* 13
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *May* 17 (No. 104)
Read 2ª * *May* 27
Committee *; Report *May* 28
Read 3ª * *May* 31
Royal Assent *June* 4 [49 *Vict.* c. xvii]

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill (*Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Secretary Childers*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *April* 12 [Bill 174]
Read 2° * *May* 3
Report * *May* 12
Read 3° * *May* 13
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *May* 17 (No. 105)
Read 2ª * *May* 27
Committee *; Report *May* 28
Read 3ª * *May* 31
Royal Assent *June* 4 [49 *Vict.* c. xviii]

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill (*Mr. Borlase, Mr. Stansfeld*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 21 [Bill 223]
Read 2° * *June* 1
Report * *June* 10

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Local Government Provisional Orders (No 3) Bill—cont.
Read 3° * *June* 11
l. Read 1ª * *June* 17 (No. 170)
Waiting for 2R. *June* 25

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill (*Mr. Borlase, Mr. Stansfeld*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 21 [Bill 224]
Read 2° * *June* 1
Report * *June* 10
Read 3° * *June* 11
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *June* 17 (No. 171)
Read 2ª * *June* 22
Committee *; Report; read 3ª *June* 24
Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. lxi]

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill (*Mr. Borlase, Mr. Stansfeld*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 27 [Bill 237]
Read 2° * *June* 1
Report * *June* 10
Read 3° * *June* 11
l. Read 1ª * *June* 17 (No. 172)
Waiting for 2R. *June* 25

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill (*Mr. Borlase, Mr. Stansfeld*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 27 [Bill 238]
Read 2° * *June* 1
Report * *June* 18
Considered *; read 3° *June* 21
l. Read 1ª * *June* 21 (No. 190)

Local Government Provisional Orders No. 7) Bill (*Mr. Borlase, Mr. Stansfeld*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *June* 3 [Bill 256]
Read 2°, * and committed *June* 21

Local Government Provisional Orders (No 8) Bill (*Mr. Borlase, Mr. Stansfeld*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *June* 7 [Bill 262]
Read 2°, * and committed *June* 24

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill (*Mr. Borlase, Mr. Stansfeld*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *June* 7 [Bill 263]
Read 2°, * and committed *June* 24

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill (*Mr. Borlase, Mr. Stansfeld*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *June* 10 [Bill 269]
Read 2°, * and committed *June* 24

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill (*Mr. Borlase, Mr. Stansfeld*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *June* 11 [Bill 277]
Read 2°, * and committed *June* 24

Local Government Provisional Order (Highways) Bill
(*Mr. Borlase, Mr. Stansfeld*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 27 [Bill 235]
Read 2° * *June* 1

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Local Government Provisional Order (Highways) Bill—cont.
Report * *June* 10
Read 3° * *June* 11
l. Read 1ª * *June* 17 (No. 168)
Waiting for 2R. *June* 25

Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill (*Mr. Borlase, Mr. Stansfeld*)
c. Ordered ; read 1° * *May* 21 [Bill 222]
Read 2° * *June* 1
Report * *June* 18
Considered * ; read 3° *June* 21
l. Read 1ª * *June* 21 (No. 189)

Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) (No. 1) Bill
(*Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Secretary Childers*)
c. Ordered ; read 1° * *April* 12 [Bill 172]
Read 2° * *May* 3
Report * *May* 12
Read 3° * *May* 13
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *May* 17 (No. 106)
Read 2ª * *May* 27
Committee * ; Report *May* 28
Read 3ª * *May* 31
Royal Assent *June* 24 [49 *Vict.* c. xix]

Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) (No. 2) Bill
(*Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Secretary Childers*)
c. Ordered ; read 1° * *April* 12 [Bill 175]
Read 2° * *May* 3
Report * *May* 12
Read 3° * *May* 13
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *May* 17 (No. 107)
Read 2ª * *May* 27
Committee * ; Report *May* 28
Read 3ª * *May* 31
Royal Assent *June* 4 [49 *Vict.* c. xx]

Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) (No. 3) Bill
(*Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Secretary Childers*)
c. Ordered ; read 1° * *April* 12 [Bill 176]
Read 2° * *May* 3
Report * *May* 12
Read 3° * *May* 13
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *May* 17 (No. 108)
Read 2ª * *May* 27
Committee * ; Report *May* 28
Read 3ª * *May* 31
Royal Assent *June* 4 [49 *Vict.* c. xxi]

Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) (No. 4) Bill
(*Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Secretary Childers*)
c. Ordered ; read 1° * *April* 12 [Bill 177]
Read 2° * *May* 3
Report * *May* 12
Read 3° * *May* 13
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *May* 17 (No. 109)
Read 2ª * *May* 27
Committee * ; Report *May* 28
Read 3ª * *May* 31
Royal Assent *June* 4 [49 *Vict.* c. xxii]

Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) (No. 5) Bill
(*Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Secretary Childers*)
c. Ordered ; read 1° * *April* 12 [Bill 178]
Read 2° * *May* 3
Report * *May* 12
Read 3° * *May* 13
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *May* 17 (No. 110
Read 2ª * *May* 27
Committee * ; Report *May* 28
Read 3ª * *May* 31
Royal Assent *June* 4 [49 *Vict.* c. xxiii]

Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) (No. 6) Bill
(*Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Secretary Childers*)
c. Ordered ; read 1° * *April* 12 [Bill 179]
Read 2° * *May* 3
Report * *May* 12
Read 3° * *May* 13
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *May* 17 (No. 111)
Read 2ª * *May* 27
Committee * ; Report *May* 28
Read 3ª * *May* 31
Royal Assent *June* 4 [49 *Vict.* c. xxiv]

Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) (No. 7) Bill
(*Mr. Borlase, Mr. Stansfeld*)
c. Ordered ; read 1° * *May* 27 [Bill 236]
Read 2° * *June* 1
Report * *June* 10
Read 3° * *June* 11
l. Read 1ª * *June* 17 (No. 169)
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Local Self-Government—Rating of Lunatic Asylums, &c.
Questions, Mr. Kimber ; Answers, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. Stansfeld) *May* 28, [306] 312

Local Taxation (Incidence)
Moved, "That the present system under which, in England and Wales, the first Incidence of Local Taxation (with some slight exceptions) falls on the occupier and not on the owner of lands and tenements is unjust ; that such owners ought in equity to bear at least a moiety of those charges ; that the system under which country mansions are rated is unfair ; and that the owners of ground rents in towns are liable to no part of those charges, the outlay of which is essential in order that the property may possess any marketable value whatever" (*Mr. Thorold Rogers*) *Mar* 23, [303] 1643
Amendt. To leave out from "That," add "while the apportionment of the payment of Rates between landlord and tenant may be desirable, as part of a complete scheme for remedying the admitted inequalities of the Incidence of Local Taxation, this House is of opinion that the financial injustice complained of can only be removed by a comprehensive measure, and that an equitable re-adjustment of Taxation, as between real and personal property, is urgently required" (*Sir Richard Paget*) *v.* ; Question proposed, "That the words, &c. ;" after long debate,

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Local Taxation (*Incidence*)—cont.
Question put; A. 205, N. 186; M. 19; Div. List, Ayes and Noes, 1701
Main Question again proposed, 1704; after short debate, main Question put; A. 216, N. 176; M. 40 (D. L. 42)

Local Taxation—The County Rate—Contributions by Towns having separate Quarter Sessions
Question, Mr. Powell Williams; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Broadhurst) *June* 1, [306] 662

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LONDON, Bishop of
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London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill (*by Order*)
c. Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" (*Sir Charles Forster*) *Mar* 16, [303] 948; Question put, and agreed to; Bill read 2°
Moved, "That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill, to insert a Clause providing that the Company shall, at the expiration of their present agreements with the contractors for, or tenants of, the bookstalls upon the premises of the Company, put such bookstalls up to public competition among the newsvendors and others being bonâ fide residents in the borough, or, if outside a borough, in the county in which such stalls are situate, and that the Company shall be bound to enter into no agreement for the letting of any bookstall for any period longer than three years" (*Mr. Arthur O'Connor*); after debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Sexton*); Question put, and negatived
Original Question put, and negatived

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London, Government of—Legislation
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London Livery Companies
Question, Baron Dimsdale; Answer, The Secretary to the Local Government Board (Mr. Jesse Collings) *Mar* 2, [302] 1767

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LORD PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL (*see* SPENCER, Earl)

Losses by Riot (Compensation) Bill
(*Mr. Secretary Childers, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Attorney General*)
c. Motion for Leave (*Mr. Secretary Childers*) *May* 11, [305] 805; after debate, Motion agreed to; Bill ordered; read 1° * [Bill 209]
Read 2°, after short debate *May* 20, 1612
Committee *—R.P. *May* 24
Committee; Report *May* 28, [306] 418
Considered *; read 3° *June* 1
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *June* 17 (No. 156)
Read 2ª, after short debate *June* 18, 1836
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l. Presented; read 1ª * *Feb* 19 (No. 13)
Read 2ª *Mar* 1, [302] 1504
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(*The Lord Chancellor*)
l. Presented; read 1ª * *Feb* 19 (No. 12)
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Read 3ª; Bill passed, after short debate *April* 15, 1613
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Question, Mr. W. J. Corbet; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 25, [302] 1210

Lunacy (Vacating of Seats) Bill
(*Dr. Cameron, Mr. Charles Russell, Mr. Puleston, Mr. William Corbet*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 25 [Bill 85]
Read 2° * *Feb* 24
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Read 3° * *Mar* 25
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Balfour*) *Mar* 25 (No. 47)
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Royal Assent *May* 10 [49 *Vict.* c. 16]

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c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 49]
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Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill [H.L.] (*The Duke of Saint Albans*)
l. Presented; read 1ª * *April* 6 (No. 62)
  Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª" *May* 24, [305] 1793
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MAXWELL, Sir H. E., *Wigton*
Army (Soudan Campaign)—The Royal Irish Regiment, [302] 1209
South Africa—Barracks at Cape Town, [304] 436
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Import Duties, Res. [305] 1091
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Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment, 2R. [302] 1810; Consid. *add. cl.* [303] 1912, 1943

Medical Act, 1858—*Legislation*
Question, Dr. Foster; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *Mar* 16, [303] 967

Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill
(*Mr. Morgan Howard, Sir Trevor Lawrence, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Addison*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *April* 14 [Bill 183]
2R. [Dropped]

Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill
Afterwards—
Medical Acts Amendment Bill }
(*Sir Lyon Playfair, Mr. Mundella, The Lord Advocate*)
c. Motion for Leave (*Sir Lyon Playfair*) *April* 5, [304] 898; Motion agreed to; Bill ordered; read 1° * [Bill 163]
Read 2°, after short debate *May* 3, [305] 236
Committee—R.P. *May* 17, 1256
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l. Read 1ª * (*Earl Spencer*) *June* 17 (No. 155)
Read 2ª, after short debate *June* 18, 1836

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Medical Acts Amendment Bill—cont.
Committee *June* 21, [307] 22
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Read 3^a * *June* 23
c. Lords' Amendts. considered and agreed to *June* 24, 267
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Mellor, Right Hon. J. W. (Judge Advocate General), *Grantham*
Copyhold Enfranchisement, Comm. *cl.* 10, [304] 578; *cl.* 15, 581; *add. cl.* 1280, 1281
Metropolis—Police—Capture of Dogs in the Streets, [306] 193
Tithe Rent-Charge (Extraordinary) Redemption, Comm. *cl.* 1, [306] 1758, 1764; *cl.* 3, 1778

Menzies, Mr. R. S., *Perthshire, E.*
Government of Ireland, 2R. [306] 1187
Scotland—Questions
  Bye-Laws for Public Roads—Regulations as to Bicycles and Tricycles, [306] 1705
  Education Department—The Code for 1886, [303] 299
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Merchandise (Fraudulent Marking) Bill (*Mr. Mundella, Mr. Acland*)
c. Ordered; read 1^o * *June* 17 [Bill 291]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2^o" *June* 18, [306] 1865; after short debate, Motion withdrawn
Moved, "That the said Order be discharged;" Question put, and agreed to; Bill withdrawn
Question, Mr. Ashmead-Bartlett; Answer, The Secretary to the Board of Trade (Mr. C. T. D. Acland) *June* 21, [307] 60

Merchandize Marks Act, 1862
Question, Mr. Ashmead-Bartlett; Answer, The Secretary to the Board of Trade (Mr. C. T. D. Acland) *May* 31, [306] 505
Marking of British-made Goods, Question, Mr. Howard Vincent; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *May* 6, [305] 365

Merchandise Marks Act (1862) Amendment Bill (*Mr. Ashmead-Bartlett, Mr. Joseph Cowen, Mr. Stuart-Wortley, Mr. Baden-Powell, Viscount Cranborne*)
c. Ordered; read 1^o * *Feb* 24 [Bill 116]
2R. [Dropped]

Merchant Shipping (*Questions*)
Merchant Seamen
Advance Notes to Seamen, Question, Mr. Norris; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *April* 2, [304] 603
Crimping in American Ports, Question, Captain Verney; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *Mar* 15, [303] 816

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Merchant Shipping—cont.
Employment of Foreign Sailors, Question, Mr. Addison; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *April* 9, [304] 1166
English Seamen, Question, Mr. Macdonald Cameron; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *April* 5, [304] 751
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Robbery of Foreign Seamen after being Paid Off, Question, Captain Verney; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *April* 13, [304] 1435
Seamen in the Port of London, Question, Sir Robert Fowler; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *April* 16, [304] 1769

Boats of Passenger Ships, Questions, Captain Price, Mr. Macfarlane; Answers, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *Mar* 30, [304] 256
Chain Cables and Anchors—Testing, Question, Mr. Hickman; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *April* 5, [304] 757
Light at Portland Breakwater, Question, Observations, Lord Colville of Culross; Reply, The First Lord of the Admiralty (The Marquess of Ripon) *Mar* 12, [303] 633
Loss of the "Enterprize," Question, Mr. Esslemont; Answer, The Secretary to the Admiralty (Mr. Hibbert) *April* 13, [304] 1429
Loss of the "Oregon," Cunard Mail Steamer, Questions, Mr. Macfarlane; Answers, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *Mar* 22, [303] 1493; Questions, Mr. Macfarlane, Mr. Forwood, Captain Price; Answers, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *Mar* 25, 1790; Question, Mr. Forwood; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *Mar* 26, [304] 33; Question, Sir Henry Tyler; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *April* 1, 442
Merchant Shipping Act, 1854—The S.S. "Creole," Question, Colonel Hughes-Hallett; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *May* 10, [305] 565; Question, Colonel Hughes-Hallett; Answer, The Secretary to the Board of Trade (Mr. C. T. D. Acland) *June* 7, [306] 1127
Merchant Shipping Acts—Grain Bags—Russian Regulations, Questions, Mr. King, Mr. Saunders; Answers, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *May* 28, [306] 311
Telegraph Communication with the Goodwin Sands, Question, Mr. Fitzgerald; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *April* 16, [304] 1770
The Royal Commission on Merchant Shipping, Question, Mr. Baden-Powell; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. E. Stanhope) *Jan* 26, [302] 427

The Smack "Columbine," Question, Mr. Jacks; Answer, The Secretary to the Admiralty (Mr. Hibbert) *Feb* 19, [302] 707;—

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Rescue of Mrs. Mouatt, Question, Mr. Lyell; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *Mar* 18, [303] 1164

The "Mary Mark," Question, Mr. W. F. Lawrence; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *Feb* 25, [302] 1198

Wreck of the Barque "Cartwell," Question, Dr. Tanner; Answer, The Civil Lord of the Admiralty (Mr. R. W. Duff) *May* 21, [305] 1657

Wreck of the "Leslie," Questions, Mr. Arthur O'Connor; Answers, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *Mar* 11, [303 444

Merchant Shipping Act (1854) Amendment Bill (*Mr. King, Mr. Kimber, Mr. Baggallay, Mr. Fitzgerald*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 25 [Bill 87]
2R. [Dropped]

Merchant Shipping Act (1854) Amendment Bill (*Mr. Penrose Fitzgerald, Colonel Dawnay, Mr. Morgan Howard*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 17 [Bill 146]
2R. [Dropped]

Merchant Shipping (Fishing Boats) Acts Amendment Bill
(*Mr. Mundella, Mr. Acland*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *June* 10 [Bill 274]

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *June* 11, [306] 1569

Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day three months" (*Mr. E. Clarke*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. C. T. D. Acland*); Question put, and agreed to; Debate adjourned

Debate resumed *June* 16, 1654; after short debate, Amendt. withdrawn; main Question put, and agreed to; Bill read 2°

Committee; Report; Considered; read 3° *June* 18, 1865

l. Read 1ª * (*L. Sudeley*) *June* 19 (No. 181)
Read 2ª * *June* 21
Order for Committee discharged *June* 22, [307] 174

METROPOLIS (*Questions*)

City of London Court, Question, Lord Algernon Percy; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *April* 13, [304] 1437

Clerkenwell and Coldbath Fields Prisons, Question, Mr. Howard Spensley; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Broadhurst) *Mar* 9, [303] 301

Commons and Open Spaces—A Recreation Ground for Fulham, Question, Mr. Fisher; Answer, The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Sir James M'Garel-Hogg) *Mar* 11, [303] 458

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METROPOLIS—*cont.*

Corporate Bodies — The City Fellowship of Porters, Question, Mr. Hobhouse; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *June* 10, [306] 1296

Distress in South London, Question, Mr. Thorold Rogers; Answer, The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Sir James M'Garel-Hogg) *Feb* 23, [302] 1035

Distress at the East End—Dwellings for the Poor, Question, Mr. Seton-Karr; Answer, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. J. Chamberlain) *Mar* 8, [303] 102

Dynamite Outrages, 1884 — *The Reward,* Question, Viscount Newark; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 26, [304] 29

Fatal Fire in Beak Street, Question, Sir Henry Selwin-Ibbetson; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *May* 20, [305] 1517

London, Government of—Legislation, Question, Mr. Cremer; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 22, [302] 883

London Livery Companies—Legislation, Question, Mr. Howell; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 22, [302] 877; Question, Baron Dimsdale; Answer, The Secretary to the Local Government Board (Mr. Jesse Collings) *Mar* 2, 1767

London Municipal Reform, Question, Mr. James Stuart; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 19, [302] 711

Metropolitan Asylums Board—Annual Inspection of Asylums, Question, Mr. Sclater-Booth; Answer, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. Stansfeld) *May* 28, [306] 306

Metropolitan Improvements — The New Roads at Hyde Park Corner, Question, Mr. Labouchere; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *June* 3, [306] 844; Observations, Earl Fortescue *June* 24, [307] 200

Hemming's Row, Question, Mr. W. H. Smith; Answer, The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Sir James M'Garel-Hogg) *June* 24, [307] 246

Metropolitan Rating—Parish of Putney, Question, Mr. Kimber; Answer, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. Stansfeld) *May* 20, [305] 1528

River Thames, Pollution of the — Report of the Royal Commission, Questions, Mr. Thorold Rogers; Answers, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 25 [302] 1220

Communication below Bridge, Questions, Mr. Ritchie; Answers, The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Sir James M'Garel-Hogg) *April* 12, [304] 1297; Questions, Mr. Norris, Mr. Ritchie; Answers, The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Sir James M'Garel-Hogg) *June* 7, [306] 1133

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The Police—Capture of Dogs in the Streets, Questions, Mr. Dawson; Answers, The Judge Advocate General (Mr. Mellor) *May* 27, [306] 192

The Duke of York's Column, Question, Sir R. Assheton Cross; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *April* 5, [304] 738

Tramways, Question, Sir Guyer Hunter; Answer, The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Sir James M'Garel-Hogg) *May* 6, [305] 364

Disturbances

Disturbances in the Metropolis on Monday, Feb 8, Questions, Observations, The Earl of Limerick; Reply, Lord Thurlow; short debate thereon *Feb* 18, [302] 555; Question, The Earl of Limerick; Answer, Lord Thurlow *Feb* 22, 843

Action of the Home Department, Questions, Mr. W. H. Smith, Lord Algernon Percy, Sir Robert Fowler, Sir R. Assheton Cross, Mr. Picton, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Radcliffe Cooke, Sir Robert Peel, Mr. Puleston; Answers, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers), The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone); Question, Mr. Stanley Leighton [no reply] *Feb* 18, [302] 593

Order in the Streets—Duties of the Home Office, Question, Mr. Burdett-Coutts; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 19, [302] 707

Report of the Committee of Investigation, Statement, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers); Questions, Mr. W. H. Smith, Sir James Fergusson; Answers, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 22, [302] 909

Compensation, Questions, Mr. W. H. Smith, Mr. Magniac; Answers, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 25, [302] 1206

Power of the Chief Commissioner of Police in Event of Recurrence, Question, Colonel Hughes Hallett; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 22, [302] 903

Sir Edmund Henderson, Questions, Sir Robert Fowler, Sir Henry Tyler; Answers, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 26, [302] 1377

The Duties of Soldiers, Observations, Lord de Ros; short debate thereon *Mar* 23, [303] 1617

Public Meetings, Question, Sir Henry Tyler; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 5, [303] 16

Sunday Meetings in the Squares and Parks, Question, Observations, Lord Lamington, Viscount Midleton, Lord Stanley of Alderley, Viscount Cranbrook; Replies, Lord Aberdare, Lord Thurlow *Feb* 25, [302] 1174; Question, Mr. Addison; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 26, 1381; Question, Captain Fellowes; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 1, 1543

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Metropolis—*cont.*

Dwellings of the Working Classes

Houses of the Working Classes Act, 1865, Question, Mr. Ince; Answer, The Secretary to the Board of Trade (Mr. C. T. D. Acland) *Mar* 12, [303] 627

Industrial Dwellings Act, 1885 — *Disused Prisons,* Question, Mr. Gent-Davis; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 22, [302] 878

The Middlesex Houses of Detention and Correction—Sale of Sites, Question, Mr. Baumann; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 11, [303] 476

Inquiry at St. James and St. John, Clerkenwell, Question, Sir Robert Fowler; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 11, [303] 465

Public Health — Unwholesome Habitations, Question, Mr. Shirley; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 22, [302] 889

The Isle of Dogs, Question, Mr. Henry Green; Answer, The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Sir James M'Garel-Hogg) *May* 17, [305] 1157

Railways

Railway Extension — The Paddington and Limehouse Railway, Question, Mr. Cremer; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *April* 19, [305] 17; Question, Mr. Cremer; Answer, The Secretary to the Board of Trade (Mr. C. T. D. Acland) *May* 20, 1528

The Parks

Ground Rents and Revenues, Question, Mr. Hanbury; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 18, [303] 1172

Greenwich Park — Hours of Admission, Question, Mr. Evelyn; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *May* 27, [306] 202; Question, Mr. Evelyn; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *May* 28, 315

Improvement of Hyde Park, Question, Mr. Cremer; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *April* 5, [304] 743

Cyclists in Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens, Question, Mr. Bradlaugh; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *June* 24, [307] 247

Richmond Park — Tricycles and Bicycles, Question, Mr. Kimber; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *June* 10, [306] 1294

The Carriage Roads in the Parks, Question, Mr. Howard Vincent; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *May* 11, [305] 753

[See title *Parks Regulation Act*]

Metropolis, Disturbances in the

Moved to resolve, "That, in the opinion of this House, responsibility for the unfortunate occurrences of 8th February devolves on Her Majesty's Government collectively and not

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Metropolis, Disturbances in the—cont.
on any single branch of the executive" (*The Lord Stratheden and Campbell*) *Mar* 15, [303] 741; after debate, Motion withdrawn

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS, Chairman of (*see* MCGAREL-HOGG, Sir J. M.)

Metropolitan Board of Works
River Thames—Communication below Bridge, Questions, Mr. Ritchie; Answers, The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Sir James M'Garel-Hogg) *April* 12, [304] 1297; Questions, Mr. Norris, Mr. Ritchie; Answers, The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Sir James M'Garel-Hogg) *June* 7, [306] 1133
Thames Conservancy Board—Ferry at Greenwich, Question, Mr. Ernest Denison; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *April* 9, [304] 1158

Metropolitan Board of Works (Fire Brigade Expenses) Bill (*Mr. Tatton Egerton, Sir James M'Garel-Hogg, Mr. Rider Cook*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 31]
2R. [Dropped]

Metropolitan Board of Works (Keeping of Firewood) Bill (*Sir James M'Garel-Hogg, Mr. Morgan Howard*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 81]
Bill withdrawn * *Feb* 24

Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Bill (*Mr. Henry H. Fowler, Mr. Leveson Gower*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *June* 11 [Bill 285]
Read 2° * *June* 16
Committee *; Report *June* 17
Read 3° * *June* 18
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *June* 19 (No. 181)
Read 2ª * *June* 21
Committee *; Report *June* 22
Read 3ª * *June* 23
Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 44]

Metropolitan Board of Works (Theatres, &c.) Bill (*Mr. Rider Cook, Sir James M'Garel-Hogg*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 44]
2R., further Proceedings adjourned *Mar* 17, [303] 1132
Further Proceeding on 2R. [Dropped]

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Supply, &c.) Bill (*Sir James M'Garel-Hogg, Mr. Bryce, Sir George Russell, Colonel Hughes*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 34]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *Feb* 24, [302] 1164; Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day six months" (*Mr. Coope*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" after short debate, Debate adjourned

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Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Supply, &c.) Bill—cont.
Debate resumed *Mar* 5, [303] 81; after short debate, Question put; A. 76, N. 130; M. 54 (D. L. 20); words added
Main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to; 2R. put off for six months

Metropolitan Commons Provisional Order Bill (*Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Secretary Childers*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 5 [Bill 132]
Read 2° * *Mar* 24
Report * *April* 7
Considered * *April* 8
Read 3° * *April* 9
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Thurlow*) *April* 12 (No. 71)
Read 2ª * *May* 7
Committee *; Report *May* 11
Read 3ª * *May* 13
Royal Assent *June* 4 [49 *Vict.* c. xiv]

Metropolitan Fire Brigade Expenses Bill (*Mr. Kimber, Mr. Vanderbyl*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *April* 7 [Bill 167]
2R. [Dropped]

Metropolitan Fire Brigade Expenses (No. 2) Bill (*Colonel Edwin Hughes, Mr. Dixon-Hartland, Sir Richard Temple, Mr. Baumann, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Tatton Egerton, Mr. Baggallay*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 25 [Bill 231]
2R. [Dropped]

Metropolitan Police, The
Departmental Committee of 1879, Questions, Observations, Viscount Enfield, Viscount Midleton; Replies, Lord Aberdare, Lord Thurlow *Feb* 23, [302] 1012
Pensions — Sir Edmund Henderson and Mr. Walker, Question, Sir George Campbell; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 11, [303] 463
Police Regulations as to Dogs, Questions, Mr. Macfarlane, Sir R. Assheton Cross; Answers, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 1, [302] 1532

Metropolitan Police Force, The—Organization
Questions, Mr. W. H. Smith, Mr. Burdett-Coutts, Mr. Labouchere; Answers, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 25, [302] 1220; Questions, Mr. Howard Vincent, Mr. W. H. Smith, Mr. Stuart-Wortley; Answers, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 1, 1512; Question, Colonel Sandys; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers), 1532
Amendt. on Committee of Supply *Feb* 26, To leave out from "That," add "in the

Metropolitan Police Force, The—Organization—cont.
opinion of this House, no reform of the administration and organization of the Metropolitan Police Force will be satisfactory unless provision is made for such reform of the government of the Metropolis as will insure to representatives of the ratepayers of the Metropolis a direct control over their own police" (*Mr. James Stuart*) *v.*, 1394; Question proposed, "That the words, &c;" after long debate, Question put, and agreed to

Metropolitan Police Courts—Fines and Penalties
Question, Mr. Kenyon; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 11, [303] 466

Metropolitan Police (Stations) Bill
(*Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Secretary Childers, Mr. Henry H. Fowler*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *April* 7 [Bill 169]
Read 2° *April* 15, [304] 1748
Committee; Report; read 3° *April* 16
l. Read 1^{a} * (*Lord Thurlow*) *May* 6 (No. 87)
Read 2^{a} *May* 10, [305] 558
Committee *; Report *May* 11
Read 3^{a} * *May* 13
Royal Assent *June* 4 [49 *Vict* c. 22]

Midland Railway Bill (*by Order*)
c. Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" (*Sir Charles Forster*) *Mar* 2, [302] 1666
Amendt. to leave out from "That," add "this House, whilst not unwilling to consider favourably an application from the said Company, under proper conditions, for power to make arrangements with other Companies tending to economise the cost of transport to the Company, refuses to entertain the same as a mere incident in a Bill for miscellaneous objects, and unaccompanied by the offer of any compensating advantages to the public" (*Sir Bernhard Samuelson*); Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after short debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Staveley Hill*); Motion agreed to; Debate adjourned
Debate resumed *Mar* 9, [303] 285; after short debate, Amendt. withdrawn
Main Question again proposed, "That the Bill be now read 2°;" after further short debate, main Question put, and agreed to; Bill read 2°

MIDLETON, Viscount
Army (Auxiliary Forces)—Mounted Volunteer Infantry, [302] 1663
Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment, 2R. [304] 1294; 3R. [306] 1678
Metropolis, Disturbances in the, [302] 557;—Sunday Meetings in the Squares and Parks, [302] 1176
Metropolitan Police Force — Departmental Committee of 1879, [302] 1012
Navy—Discipline, &c.—Irregularities in Barracks, [305] 556
Sunday (Opening of Museums, &c.), Res. Amendt. [303] 1332

MILDMAY, Mr. F. B., *Devon, Totnes*
Education Department — Education Code — Examinations, [305] 1155
Inland Revenue—Taxation of Dogs—Exemption of Life-Saving Dogs, [303] 1370

MILLTOWN, Earl of
Intoxicating Liquors (Sale to Children), Comm. *cl.* 1, Amendt. [307] 193
Ireland — Crime and Outrage — Murder of Patrick Tangney, near Killarney, [306] 1116, 1252
Prisons—Discontinuance of Naas Gaol, [304] 1752, 1753
Ireland—Repression of Crime, Motion for an Address, [304] 1423
Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment, Comm. *cl.* 8, [305] 1264
Law of Evidence Amendment, 2R. [303] 226; Comm. *cl.* 2, 1470; *add. cl.* 1472; Report, Amendt. [304] 77
Lunacy Acts Amendment, 2R. [302] 1498; Comm. *cl.* 4, Amendt. [303] 1149; *cl.* 70, Amendt. 1152; Re-comm. *cl.* 27, [304] 236, 241; Report, *cl.* 67, Amendt. 904
Marriages (Hours of Solemnization), 2R. [304] 906
Medical Acts Amendment, Comm. *cl.* 7, [307] 23
Metropolis, Disturbances in the, [302] 576, 577
Parliament—Ventilation of the House, Res. [302] 1664
Policy of H.M. Government, Ministerial Statement, [302] 555
Poor Relief (Ireland), 2R. [304] 1157
Sale of Poisons, [302] 1349, 1350
Union of Benefices, 2R. [303] 1601, 1611

MILVAIN, Mr. T., *Durham*
Education Acts Commission, [302] 1831
Law and Police—Treatment of Prisoners, Durham, [304] 1308
Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday (Durham), 2R. Amendt. [303] 1754, 1762

Mines
Royal Commission on Accidents in — The Report, Question, Colonel Blundell; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 19, [302] 706; Question, Sir R. Assheton Cross; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Broadhurst) *Mar* 19, [303] 1364
The Final Report, Question, Sir R. Assheton Cross; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 26, [304] 37; Question, Mr. A. J. Williams; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *April* 5, 748 *P.P.* [4699]
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Municipal Boundaries (Dublin) Bill

(*Mr. Chance, Mr. T. D. Sullivan, Mr. Edmond Dwyer Gray, Mr. Timothy Harrington, Mr. Murphy*)

c. Ordered; read 1°* *Jan* 22 [Bill 20]
2R. deferred *May* 28, [306] 425
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Municipal Corporations (Scheme Confirmation) Bill [H.L.] (*The Lord President*)
l. Presented; read 1ª,* and referred to the Examiners *May* 7 (No. 90)
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Municipal Franchise (Ireland) Bill
(*Mr. James O'Brien, Mr. Timothy Harrington, Mr Richard Power, Mr. Mayne, Mr. Peter M'Donald*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 9]
Read 2°, after debate *May* 5, [305] 319
Moved, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" *June* 21, [307] 155; after short debate, Question put; A. 66, N. 17; M. 49 (D. L. 141); Committee; Report
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 3°" *June* 24, 274 [House counted out]

Municipal Franchise (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill (*Mr. Johnston, Mr. De Cobain*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 75]
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Municipal Rates Bill (*Mr. Joseph Cowen, Mr. Dodds, Mr. David Smith*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 10 [Bill 134]
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c. Ordered; read 1° * *April* 16 [Bill 191]
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l. Read 1ª * (*L. Thurlow*) *May* 13 (No. 100)
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National Engagements
Amendt. on Committee of Supply *Mar* 19, To leave out from "That," add "in the opinion of this House, it is not just or expedient to embark in war, contract engagements involving grave responsibilities for the Nation, and add territories to the Empire without the knowledge and consent of Parliament" (*Mr. Richard*) *v.*, [303] 1386; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after debate, Question put; A. 108, N. 112; M. 4 (D. L. 38)
Words added; main Question, as amended, put; A. 109, N. 115; M. 6; D. L. A. & N. 1421

National Gallery, The—Constable's "Hay Wain"
Question, Mr. Ruston; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 16, [303] 976

National Gallery—Hours of Opening
Moved, "That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty for copy of a Memorandum drawn up and signed by the Director and Trustees of the National Gallery with reference to the risks and inconvenience attending the proposed opening of the Gallery on week days up to 10 p.m." (*The Viscount Sidmouth*) *Mar* 9, [303] 230; after short debate, Address agreed to
Report for 1885 . . *P.P.* 9

National Museums, The—Evening Opening
Moved, "That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty praying that Her Majesty will be pleased to direct that the National Gallery, the British Museum, and the Natural History Museum shall be open to the public weekly on three week-day evenings till 10 p.m., in order that Her Majesty's subjects whose occupations during the day prevent them from visiting these institutions may have the advantage and enjoyment of studying the national collections" (*The Earl of Harrowby*) *Mar* 12, [303] 608; after debate, Previous Question moved (*The Lord President of the Council,*

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National Museums, The—Evening Opening—cont.
Earl Spencer); after further short debate, on Question? Previous Question affirmed; original Motion agreed to
Queen's Answer to Address reported *Mar* 22, 1455

National Museums—Opening on Sundays
Moved to resolve, "That it would be expedient that museums should be opened by daylight only, and should be closed during the time of afternoon Divine Service, on Sundays" (*The Lord Denman*) *Mar* 25, [303] 1774; on Question, resolved in the negative
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National Provident Insurance
Select Committee appointed "to inquire into the best system of National Provident Insurance against Pauperism" (*Sir Herbert Maxwell*) *Feb* 25
And, on *April* 8, Committee nominated as follows:—Mr. William Abraham (Rhondda Vale), Mr. Arthur Acland, Mr. Biddulph, Mr. Coleridge, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Mr. Finch-Hatton, Viscount Folkestone, Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Viscount Grimston, Mr. Healy, Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Walter James, Mr. William Lowther, Sir Herbert Maxwell, Mr. Norton, Mr. Stuart-Wortley
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(*Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Justin Huntly M'Carthy, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Edmond Dwyer Gray, Mr. Conway*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 12]
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Education of Naval Executive Officers, Question, Admiral Field; Answer, The Secretary to the Admiralty (Mr. Hibbert) *April* 6, [304] 915
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Navy—Royal Naval Volunteers
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Orkney Roads Bill [*Lords*] (*by Order*)
c. Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *June* 17, [306] 1681
Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day three months" (*Mr. Lyell*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" after debate, Question put; A. 81, N. 82; M. 1 (D. L. 133); words added
Main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to; 2R. put off for three months

Otter, Mr. F., *Lincolnshire, Louth*
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Outlawries Bill
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Owners of Dogs Liability Bill
(*Mr. Addison, Mr. Francis Powell, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Forwood*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *June* 4 [Bill 258]
Bill withdrawn * *June* 10

Oxford University (Justices) Bill [H.L.]
(*The Lord Chancellor*)
l. Presented; read 1ª * *May* 20 (No. 119)
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c. Read 1° * (*Mr. Attorney General*) *June* 11
Read 2° * *June* 17 [Bill 280]
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Parish Churches Bill [H.L.]
(*The Lord Bishop of Salisbury*)
l. Presented; read 1ª * *Jan* 21 (No. 5)
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª" *Mar* 16, [303] 923

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Parish Churches Bill—cont.

Amendt. to leave out ("now") add ("this day six months") (*The Lord Grimthorpe*); after debate, on Question, That ("now") &c.? resolved in the affirmative; Bill read 2ª, and referred to a Select Committee

And, on *Mar* 30, the Lords following were named of the Committee:—L. Abp. Canterbury, D. Westminster, E. Jersey, E. Stanhope, E. Powis, E. Nelson, E. Selborne, V. Halifax, L. Bp. London, L. Bp. Peterborough, L. Bp. Chichester, L. Bp. Southwell, L. Foxford, L. Aberdare, L. Norton, L. Monk Bretton, L. Halsbury, L. Northington, L. Lingen, L. Grimthorpe

Report of Select Committee *June* 23 [No. 201]

Paris Industrial Exhibition

Question, Mr. Spensley; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Mar* 1, [302] 1547

PARKER, Mr. C. S., *Perth*

Church of Scotland (Disestablishment and Disendowment), Res. [304] 333

Crofters (Scotland) (No. 2), Comm. *cl.* 1, [304] 465

Railway Regulation, 2R. [305] 1463

Parks Regulation Act, 1872—*Richmond Park*

The Guildford Coach, Question, Mr. Radcliffe Cooke; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *June* 18, [306] 1843

Tricycles and Bicycles, Question, Mr. Kimber; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *June* 10, [306] 1294

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Parliament

LORDS—

MEETING OF THE PARLIAMENT *Jan* 12

The Session of Parliament opened by Commission

The Commons directed to proceed to the choice of some proper Person to be their Speaker

A Royal Commission, Speaker of the House of Commons, Presented and Approved *Jan* 13, 302] 19

ROLL OF THE LORDS—Garter King of Arms attending, delivered at the Table (in the usual manner) a List of the Lords Temporal in the First Session of the Twenty-third Parliament of the United Kingdom (No. 8) *Jan* 12, 3

Certificate of the Election of Sixteen Representative Peers for Scotland, delivered and read *Jan* 12, 4

Election of Representative Peers for Scotland—Minutes of Meeting, presented and ordered to lie on the Table *Jan* 21, 84

CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENTS—Henry Graham, esquire, appointed to the Office of Clerk of the Parliaments, vacant by the death of Sir William Rose, K.C.B. *Jan* 12, 4

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Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech

The QUEEN being seated on the Throne, and the Commons being at the Bar, with their Speaker, The Lord Chancellor delivered Her Most Gracious Speech to both Houses of 302] Parliament *Jan* 21, 32

The Queen's Speech having been reported by The LORD CHANCELLOR; An Address to HER MAJESTY thereon moved by The Duke of ABERCORN (the Motion being seconded by The Earl of SCARBROUGH) *Jan* 21, 36; after debate, Address agreed to, *nemine dissentiente*

HER MAJESTY'S ANSWER TO THE ADDRESS reported *Jan* 28, 531

Chairman of Committees—The Earl of Redesdale appointed, *nemine dissentiente*, to take the Chair in all Committees of this House for this Session *Jan* 21

Committee for Privileges—appointed *Jan* 21

Sub-Committee for the Journals—appointed *Jan* 21

Appeal Committee—appointed *Jan* 21

Receivers and Tryers of Petitions—appointed *Jan* 21

Standing Orders Committee—nominated *Feb* 19

The Lords following, with the Chairman of Committees, were named of the Committee:—M. Winchester, M. Bath, Ld. Steward, E. Devon, E. Carnarvon, E. Cadogan, E. Milltown, E. Belmore, E. Chichester, E. Powis, E. Verulam, E. Morley, E. Amherst, E. Camperdown, E. Ducie, E. Lathom, V. Hawarden, V. Hutchinson, V. Hardinge, V. Eversley, L. de Ros, L. Clinton, L. Saye and Sele, L. Balfour of Burley, L. Boyle, L. Monson, L. Digby, L. Thurlow, L. Hopetoun, L. Foxford, L. Colchester, L. Silchester, L. De Tabley, L. Sudeley, L. Belper, L. Hartismere, L. Penrhyn, L. Wolverton, L. Sandhurst, and L. Colville of Culross

Committee of Selection—The Lords following: viz.—E. Morley, E. Lathom, L. Boyle, L. Colville of Culross, with the Chairman of Committees, were appointed a Committee to select and propose to the House the names of the five Lords to form a Select Committee for the consideration of each opposed Private Bill *Feb* 19

Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments and Office of the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod—Select Committee appointed *Feb* 26. The Lords following were named of the Committee:—Ld. Chancellor, Ld. President, D. Richmond, D. Saint Albans, D. Bedford, M. Salisbury, M. Bath, Ld. Steward, E. Devon, E. Tankerville, E. Carnarvon, E. Belmore, E. Harrowby, E. Bradford, E. Camperdown, E. Granville, E. Kimberley, E. Redesdale, E. Lathom, V. Hawarden, V. Hardinge, V. Eversley, Ld. Chamberlain, L. Monson, L. Colchester L. Ker, L. Aveland, and L. Colville of Culross

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RESIGNATION OF MINISTERS

Statement of The Lord President of the Council 302] (*Viscount Cranbrook*) *Jan* 28, 531; House adjourned till Monday next

Statement of The Marquess of Salisbury *Feb* 1, 533; House adjourned till Thursday

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THE NEW MINISTRY

On the Motion of Earl Granville, House adjourned till Thursday the 18th instant, except for Judicial Business *Feb* 8, 538

THE MINISTRY OF THE RIGHT HON. W. E. GLADSTONE, AS FORMED ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE IN FEBRUARY 1886, 541

Policy of Her Majesty's Government—Ministerial Statement, Earl Granville *Feb* 18, 543; debate thereon

PRIVATE BILLS

All Petitions relating to Standing Orders which shall be presented during the present Session referred to the Standing Orders Committee unless otherwise ordered *Feb* 19

Ordered, That no Private Bill brought from the House of Commons shall be read a second time after Friday the 25th day of June next [and other Orders] *Mar* 23, [303] 1601

Standing Order, No. 128

Memorandum respecting Standing Order, No. 128. (No interest out of capital to be paid on calls) laid on the Table

Moved, "That the same be printed" (*The Earl of Redesdale, Chairman of Committees*) *April* 2, [304] 583; Motion agreed to (No. 56)

Moved, "That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire whether it is expedient to amend Standing Order No. 128, and, if so, in what respect; and That no Bill containing provision for payment of interest out of capital during construction of works be read a second time before the Report of the said Committee has been laid upon the Table" (*The Lord Houghton*) *April* 12, [304] 1291; Motion agreed to

And, on *April* 15, the Lords following were named of the Committee:—L. Chancellor, M. Salisbury, E. Morley, E. Northbrook, E. Redesdale, L. Houghton, L. Watson, L. Bramwell, L. Hillingdon, and L. Grimthorpe

The evidence taken before the Select Committee from time to time to be printed, for the use of the Members of this House; but no copies thereof to be delivered, except to Members of the Committee, until further order (No. 118) *May* 18

Report from the Select Committee considered; Motion, The Lord Chancellor (*Lord Herschell*) *May* 27, [306] 152; after short debate, Motion agreed to, and resolved accordingly; the said Standing Order to be printed (No. 126)

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PARLIAMENT—LORDS—*cont.*

Private and Provisional Order Confirmation Bills

Ordered, That Standing Orders Nos. 92. and 93. be suspended; and that the time for depositing petitions praying to be heard against Private and Provisional Order Confirmation Bills, which would otherwise expire during the adjournment of the House at Easter, be extended to the first day on which the House shall sit after the recess *April* 16

Ordered, That Standing Orders Nos. 92. and 93. be suspended; and that the time for depositing petitions praying to be heard against Private and Provisional Order Confirmation Bills, which would otherwise expire during the adjournment of the House at Whitsuntide, be extended to the first day on which the House shall sit after the recess *June* 10

Private and Provisional Order Confirmation Bills (which have passed several stages during the present Session may be resumed in the next Session)

Resolution (*The Chairman of Committees*) *June* 21, [307] 3

The Easter Recess, Observation, The Secretary of State for the Colonies (Earl Granville) *April* 12, [304] 1295

House adjourned on Friday *April* 16 to Thursday *May* 6

The Whitsuntide Recess, Question, Lord Balfour; Answer, The Secretary of State for India (The Earl of Kimberley) *June* 4, [306] 990

House adjourned from Thursday *June* 10 to Thursday *June* 17

Representative Peers for Ireland

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a nominal return, in tabular form, of the Lords Temporal at present elected to serve in Parliament for Ireland, arranged according to date of election, with the number of years of service, and showing the naval, military, or civil rank in public service (if any) of each Peer, and also the naval or military commands or civil public offices he may have held (*The Earl of Belmore*) *May* 10

Chairman of Committees of this House—Death of the Earl of Redesdale, Observations, The Secretary of State for the Colonies (Earl Granville), The Marquess of Salisbury *May* 6, [305] 355

Moved, "That the Earl of Morley be appointed to take the Chair in all Committees of this House for the remainder of this Session" (*The Earl Granville*) *May* 10, [305] 551

Amendt. to leave out ("Earl of Morley,") insert ("Duke of Buckingham and Chandos") (*The Marquess of Salisbury*); after short debate, on Question, That the words, &c.? Cont. 103, Not-Cont. 122; M. 19; resolved in the negative

Moved to resolve,

"That the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos be appointed to take the Chair in all Com-

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Parliament—Lords—*Chairman of Committees of this House*—cont.

mittees of this House for the remainder of this Session :

"That the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos do take the Chair in all Committees of the Whole House unless where it shall have been otherwise directed by the House :

"That the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos do also take the Chair in all Committees upon Private Bills and other matters, unless where it shall have been otherwise directed by the House"

Agreed to ; and resolved accordingly

Speaker of the House

The Lord Chancellor acquainted the House that Her Majesty had (by Commission) appointed the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos Speaker of the House in the absence of the Lord Chancellor : The said Commission was read *May* 18

Business of the House, Observations, The Marquess of Salisbury ; short debate theron *May* 13, [305] 877

Palace of Westminster—Ventilation of the Houses of Parliament

Ventilation of the Committee Rooms, Question, The Earl of Belmore ; Answer, The First Commissioner of Works (The Earl of Morley) *Feb* 22, [302] 868

Moved, "That the evidence of John Percy, Esquire, M.D., taken before the Select Committee on the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments and Office of the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod in session 1869, be laid upon the Table, and that the same be printed" (*The Earl of Limerick*) *Mar* 2, 1664 ; after short debate, Motion agreed to ; to be printed (No. 26)

Question, The Earl of Longford ; Answer, The First Commissioner of Works (The Earl of Elgin) *June* 22, [307] 186

The Table of this House, Observations, The Marquess of Salisbury ; Reply, The Secretary of State for the Colonies (Earl Granville) *May* 28, [306] 298

Adjournment of the House—The Ministerial Crisis, Observations, The Secretary of State for India (The Earl of Kimberley) *June* 8, [306] 1247

Dissolution of Parliament, Ministerial Statement, The Secretary of State for India (The Earl of Kimberley) ; short debate thereon *June* 10, [306] 1254 ; Observations, Lord Denman, The Earl of Feversham *June* 24, [307] 200

Prorogation of the Parliament

Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech delivered by The Lord High Chancellor *June* 25, [307] 276

The Parliament prorogued by Commission to Thursday, July 15

Proclamation for dissolving this Parliament and calling a new one *June* 26

Parliament—Sir William Rose, K.C.B., late Clerk of the Parliaments

Moved to resolve "That this House is deeply sensible of the loss which they have sustained by the death of Sir William Rose, K.C.B., the late Clerk of the Parliaments, and think it right to record the just sense which they entertain of the zeal, ability, diligence, and integrity with which he executed his important duties in that and other offices in the service of this House during a period of 50 years" (*The Marquess of Salisbury*) *Jan* 22, [302] 184 ; Motion agreed to, *nemine dissentiente*

COMMONS—

302] Meeting of the Parliament *Jan* 12, 5

A Book containing a List of the Names of the Members returned to serve in this Parliament delivered to Sir Thomas Erskine May by Kenneth Augustus Muir Mackenzie, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery in Great Britain

Message from The Lords Commissioners *Jan* 12, 5

The House went up to the House of Peers ; and being returned—The House proceeded to the

Election of a Speaker

The Right Honourable Arthur Wellesley Peel unanimously called to the Chair *Jan* 12, 5

Mr. Speaker reported Her Majesty's Approval and took and subscribed the Oath *Jan* 13, 20

The Chairman of Committees, Questions, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Mr. Joseph Cowen, Sir Robert Fowler ; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Feb* 19, 715

Mr. Leonard H. Courtney, Member for the Bodmin Division of Cornwall, to be Chairman of Committees

Parliamentary Oath (*Mr. Bradlaugh*)

Letters received by Mr. Speaker from The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir Michael Hicks-Beach), Mr. Henry Cecil Raikes, and Sir John H. Kennaway *Jan* 13, 21 ; The Entry in the Votes, 24

Questions, Mr. Raikes, Mr. Labouchere ; Answers, The Chancellor of the Exchequer *Jan* 26, 418 ; Question, Mr. Norris ; Answer, The Attorney General (Mr. Charles Russell) *Mar* 4, 1901

Privileges—Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed *Jan* 21

Public Petitions—Select Committee appointed and nominated *Jan* 25, as follows : — Sir Charles Forster (Chairman), Sir Arthur Bass, Mr. Cavendish Bentinck, Colonel Bridgeman, Mr. William Lowther, Viscount Lymington, Sir Herbert Maxwell, Mr. M'Lagan, Mr. Mulholland, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. Richard Power, Marquess of Stafford, Sir Charles Tennant, Mr. Henry Tollemache, and Mr. Reginald Yorke

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Standing Orders — Select Committee nominated *Jan* 26, as follows:—Sir John Mowbray (Chairman), Mr. Joseph Cowen, Mr. Dwyer Gray, Mr. Halsey, Mr. William Lowther, Colonel Nolan, Mr. Raikes, Mr. Craig-Sellar, Mr. Stansfeld, Sir Charles Tennant, Mr. Whitbread, and Mr. Yorke

Committee of Selection

Moved, "That the Committee of Selection do consist of Nine Members" (*Sir John R. Mowbray*) *Jan* 26, [302] 407; after short debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. J. W. Barclay*); after further short debate, Question put; A. 43, N. 399; M. 356; (D. L. 2)

Original Question put, and agreed to

Moved, "That the name of Lord Edward Cavendish be placed upon the Committee" (*Sir John R. Mowbray*); after short debate, Question put, and agreed to

Committee nominated as follows: — Sir John Mowbray (Chairman), Lord Edward Cavendish, Mr. Cubitt, Mr. Harcourt, Mr. Illingworth, Mr. Justin M'Carthy, Mr. Orr Ewing, Sir Lyon Playfair, and Mr. Whitbread

Printing — Select Committee appointed and nominated *Feb* 19, as follows:—Mr. Henry H. Fowler (Chairman), Mr. William L. Jackson, Mr. Parnell, Sir Joseph Pease, Mr. Raikes, Mr. Ramsay, Sir George Russell, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Stansfeld, Colonel Tottenham, and Mr. Whitbread

Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (*House of Commons*)—Committee appointed and nominated *Feb* 22, as follows:—Sir William Hart Dyke (Chairman), Mr. Agg-Gardner, Mr. William Corbet, Mr. Flower, Mr. Grenfell, Mr. Herbert, Viscount Lewisham, Mr. Long, Mr. Marjoribanks, Mr. Richard Power, Baron de Rothschild, Mr. Sheil, and Mr. John Wilson (Durham)

Moved, "That the Select Committee on the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms do consist of Nineteen Members" (*The Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Arnold Morley*) *May* 14, [305] 1144; after short debate, Motion agreed to; the following Members added:—Mr. A. H. Acland, Mr. Biggar, Mr. Thomas Henry Bolton, Baron Dimsdale, General Goldsworthy, and Mr. John Redmond

Commons, Select Committee appointed and nominated *Mar* 11, as follows:—Sir Walter B. Barttelot (Chairman), Mr. Arch, Mr. Edward Buxton, Mr. Walter James, Mr. Richard Power, Sir Henry Selwin-Ibbetson, Mr. Wroughton, and Five other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH

Address to Her Majesty, Notice of Amendments, Mr. Jesse Collings, Mr. J. W. Bar-
302] clay, Mr. Hunter *Jan* 21, 86

The QUEEN'S SPEECH having been reported by Mr. Speaker; An humble Address thereon moved by Viscount CURZON (the Motion being seconded by Mr. HOULDSWORTH) *Jan* 21, 87; after long debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Sexton*); Question put, and agreed to; Debate adjourned

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PARLIAMENT—COMMONS—*cont.*

302] Debate resumed [Second Night] *Jan* 22, 193; after long debate, Debate further adjourned

Debate resumed [Third Night] *Jan* 25, 321

Amendt. at end of 6th paragraph, add "But this House humbly expresses to Her Majesty their regret that the Revenues of India have been applied to defray the expenses of the military operations carried on in the Kingdom of Ava, without the consent of Parliament as required by 'The Government of India Act, 1858'" (*Mr. Hunter*), 321; Question proposed, "That those words be there added;" after debate, Amendt. withdrawn

Amendt. to insert, after "Agriculture," in 11th paragraph, "and humbly to represent the pressing necessity for securing without delay to the cultivators of the soil such conditions of tenure as will aid and encourage them to meet the new and trying circumstances in which the Agriculture of the Country is placed" (*Mr. Barclay*), 348; Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted;" after debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Sir Richard Temple*); after further short debate, Motion withdrawn

Question again proposed, "That those words be there inserted," 394; after short debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Kimber*); Question put, and negatived

Question put, "That those words be there inserted;" A. 183, N. 211; M. 28

Division List, Ayes and Noes, 400

Main Question proposed; Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Jesse Collings*); Question put, and agreed to; Debate adjourned

Debate resumed [Fourth Night] *Jan* 26, 442

Amendt. to insert, after "transient," in 11th paragraph, "but this House humbly expresses its regret that no measures are announced by Her Majesty for the present relief of these classes, and especially for affording facilities to the agricultural labourers and others in the rural districts to obtain allotments and small holdings on equitable terms as to rent and security of tenure" (*Mr. Jesse Collings*), 443; Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted;" after long debate, Question put; A. 329, N. 250; M. 79

Division List, Ayes and Noes, 525

Main Question, as amended, proposed; after short debate, Moved, "That the Debate be adjourned till Thursday" (*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach*); Question put, and agreed to

Moved, "That this House, at the rising of the House this day, do adjourn till Thursday" (*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer*); Question put, and agreed to

Personal Explanation, Mr. Llewellyn *Feb* 18, 606

Debate resumed [Fifth Night] *Feb* 18, 607

After debate, Amendt. at end of 15th paragraph, insert "This House humbly expresses its regret that in Her Majesty's Gracious

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PARLIAMENT—COMMONS—*cont.*

Speech the reference to the condition of the people in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland is of a vague and indefinite character, and contains no satisfactory assurance that such Legislation as the serious nature of the case demands will be undertaken, and is of opinion that, until a Land Bill dealing in a comprehensive manner with the proved and admitted grievances of the Highland People has been passed into Law, the Civil or Military Forces of the Crown should not be employed to evict those People from their
302] hereditary homes" (*Mr. Macfarlane*), 642; Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted;" after further debate, Question put; A. 104, N. 234; M. 130 (D. L. 4)

Main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to

Committee appointed, to draw up an Address to be presented to Her Majesty upon the said Resolution

Committee nominated as follows:—Mr. Acland, Mr. Bryce, Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Childers, Mr. Gladstone, Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth, Mr. John Morley, Mr. Arnold Morley, and Mr. Mundella

Report of Address brought up, and read *Feb* 18, 663; after short debate, Address agreed to

Her Majesty's Answer to the Address reported *Feb* 22, 911

DOUBLE RETURNS

County of Monaghan (Northern Division) and County of Derry (Southern Division)

Letter received by Mr. Speaker from Timothy M. Healy, Esquire, electing to serve for
302] South Derry *Jan* 21, 85

County of Carlow and Borough of Dublin (St. Stephen's Green Division)

Letter received by Mr. Speaker from E. Dwyer Gray, esquire, electing to serve for the Borough of Dublin (St. Stephen's Green Division) *Jan* 21, 86

Eastern Division of Donegal and Ossory Division of Queen's County—Mr. Arthur O'Connor stated that he elected to sit for East Donegal *Jan* 26

Scotland Division of Liverpool and Borough of Galway

Letter received by Mr. Speaker from Thomas P. O'Connor, esquire, electing to serve for the Scotland Division of Liverpool *Jan* 25, 405

RESIGNATION OF MINISTERS

Statement of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer

Moved, "That this House, at its rising, do adjourn till Monday next" (*Mr. Chancellor of*
302] *the Exchequer*) *Jan* 28, 532; Question put, and agreed to

Statement of the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Moved, "That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Thursday" (*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer*) *Feb* 1, 534; Question put, and agreed to

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PARLIAMENT—COMMONS—*cont.*

THE NEW MINISTRY

Moved, "That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Saturday, at Three of the clock" (*Mr. Arnold Morley,*
302] *Secretary to the Treasury*) *Feb* 4, 536; Question put, and agreed to

On Motion of the *Secretary to the Treasury* House adjourned till Thursday 18th February *Feb* 6

THE MINISTRY OF THE RIGHT HON. W. E. GLADSTONE AS FORMED ON ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE *Feb* 16, 541

Policy of Her Majesty's Government, Ministerial Statement, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone); Observations, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach *Feb* 18, 581

Controverted Elections

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this House forthwith with the last Return for the St. Andrews District of Burghs, and amend the same by striking out the name of Stephen Williamson, esquire *Feb* 18, 580; The Clerk of the Crown attending, amended the same accordingly

Certificates and Reports of the Election Judges

303] *Aylesbury Election Mar* 8, 96

Barrow in Furness Election Mar 25, 1775

304] *Norwich City Mar* 30, 248

Ipswich April 2, 596

Kennington Division of the Borough of Lambeth April 8, 1034

Tower Hamlets, Stepney Division April 12, 1296

Gloucester County, Southern Division April 14, 1568

The Stepney Election, Question, Mr. Cremer; Answer, The Attorney General (Sir Charles
305] Russell) *April* 19, 16

Corrupt and Illegal Practices—Decisions of the Judges, Question, Mr. H. G. Reid; Answer, The Attorney General (Sir Charles Russell) *May* 4, 265

New Writs

New Writ (Barrow in Furness)

Moved, "That Mr. Speaker do issue his warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Barrow in Furness, in the room of David Duncan, Esq., whose election has been declared void" (*The Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Arnold Morley*) *Mar* 29, [304] 81; Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Lewis*); after short debate, Question put, and negatived; original Question put, and agreed to

Ipswich Writ

Moved, "That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of Two Members to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Ipswich, in the room of Henry

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Parliament — Commons — *New Writs—Ipswich Writ*—cont.

Wyndham West, esquire, whose Election hath been determined to be void" (*The Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Arnold Morley*) *April* 7, [304] 979; Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Brand*); after short debate, Question put; A. 16, N. 175; M. 159 (D. L. 69); original Question put, and agreed to

New Writs — Sessional Orders — Notice of Motion for the Issue of a Writ, Question, Mr. Lewis; Answer, The Attorney General (Sir Charles Russell) *April* 5, [304] 750

Resolved, "That, in all cases where the Seat of any Member has been declared void on the ground of corrupt practices or illegal practices, no Motion for the issue of a New Writ shall be made without two days' previous Notice in the Votes, and that such Notice be considered before Orders of the Day and Notices of Motions" (*Mr. Attorney General*) *April* 7

THE NEW RULES OF PROCEDURE

Notice of Resolutions, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir Michael Hicks-Beach) *Jan* 21, 302] 86; Question, Mr. Raikes; Answer, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir Michael Hicks-Beach) *Jan* 25, 320

Select Committee on Procedure, Question, Mr. Norris; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Feb* 22, 905

Moved, "That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the question of Procedure in the House of Commons, and to report as to the amendment of existing Rules, and upon any New Rules which they may consider desirable for the efficient despatch of business" (*The First Lord of the Treasury, Mr. W. E. Gladstone*) *Feb* 23, 921; after debate, Motion agreed to

Moved, "That the Select Committee do consist of Thirty-three Members" *Mar* 12, [303] 739; after short debate, Question put, and agreed to

Committee nominated as follows:—The Marquess of Hartington (Chairman), Sir Walter B. Barttelot, Sir Arthur Bass, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Mr. Bright, Dr. Cameron, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Dillwyn, Mr. Duff, Sir William Hart Dyke, Sir James Fergusson, Sir John Gorst, Mr. Goschen, Sir William Harcourt, Mr. T. M. Healy, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Illingworth, Mr. Leake, Mr. Justin M'Carthy, Sir John Mowbray, Mr. Arthur O'Connor, Sir Richard Paget, Mr. Raikes, Mr. Rylands, Mr. Sclater-Booth, Mr. Craig Sellar, Mr. Sexton, Mr. William Henry Smith, Mr. Stanhope, Sir Hussey Vivian, Mr. Whitbread, and Mr. Whitley

Questions, Question, Captain Verney; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Feb* 26, [302] 1393

Divisions, Question, Mr. Channing; Answer, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt) *Mar* 12, [303] 642

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Parliament—Commons—*The New Rules of Procedure*—cont.

Alteration of the Rules of Debate (*Wednesdays*), Question, Mr. Allison; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. 303] Gladstone) *Mar* 15, 825

Publication of the New Rules of Procedure, Question, Mr. Raikes; Answer, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt) *Mar* 19, 1373

Rule 2—Adjournment of the House

Moved, "That this House do now adjourn"—*Matter* (*The Select Committee on Parliamentary Procedure*) (*Captain Verney*) *Mar* 15, 827; But less than 40 Members rising in their places, the hon. Member could not proceed with his Motion

Moved, "That this House do now adjourn"—*Matter* (*The Division on the Government of Ireland Bill—The Ministerial Statement*) (*Sir Michael Hicks-Beach*) *June* 10, [306] 1397; after debate, Motion withdrawn

Moved, "That this House do now adjourn"—*Matter* (*Appointment of Commissioners under the Crofters* (*Scotland*) *Act*) (*Dr. Roderick Macdonald*) *June* 11, 1499; after short debate, Motion withdrawn

PRIVATE BILLS

Ordered, "That the Chairman of the Select Committee on Standing Orders have leave to seek a Conference with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining (under Standing Order 79), in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and to report the same to the House" (*Sir John Mowbray*) *Jan* 28

Standing Orders

Question, in Standing Order 183a, in line 49, after the word "Metropolis," to leave out the words "or Scotland," put, and agreed to *Feb* 25, [302] 1183; Question, in line 50, after the word "Department," to insert the words "and as regards Scotland, the Secretary for Scotland," put, and agreed to

Police and Sanitary Regulations — Municipal and Local Authorities, Moved, "That the Committee of Selection do appoint a Committee not exceeding nine Members, to whom shall be referred all Private Bills promoted by Municipal and other Local Authorities, by which it is proposed to create powers relating to Police or Sanitary Regulations which deviate from, or are in extension of, or repugnant to, the General Law

That Standing Order 173a shall be applicable to all Bills referred to the said Committee

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records

That Five be the quorum" (*Mr. Broadhurst*) *Feb* 26, [302] 1361; Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Sexton*); after short debate, Motion withdrawn

Main Question put, and agreed to

Ordered, That Standing Orders 39 and 129 be suspended, and that the time for depositing

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Parliament—Commons—*Standing Orders*—cont.

Petitions against Private Bills, or against any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order, or Provisional Certificate, and for depositing Duplicates of any Documents relating to any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order, or Provisional Certificate, be extended to Monday 3rd May (*The Chairman of Ways and Means*) *April* 19

Ordered, That Standing Orders 39 and 129 be suspended, and that the time for depositing Petitions against Private Bills, or against any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order, or Provisional Certificate, and for depositing duplicates of any Documents relating to any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order, or Provisional Certificate, be extended to the day on which the House shall first sit after the Adjournment (*The Chairman of Ways and Means*) *June* 10

Standing Orders for the Suspension of Private Bills, or Bills to confirm any Provisional Order or Certificate

Moved, "That the Promoters of every Private Bill which shall have been introduced into this House, or brought from the House of Lords in the present Session of Parliament, shall have leave to suspend any further proceeding thereupon, in order to proceed with the same Bill in the next Session of Parliament" (*The Chairman of Ways and Means*) *June* 17, [306] 1692

Amendt. in line 2, after "Bill," insert "except the Belfast Main Drainage Bill" (*Mr. Sexton*); Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted;" after short debate, Amendt. withdrawn; main Question put, and agreed to [Other Orders agreed to]

Standing Orders

Standing Orders 135, 183A, 200A read and amended *June* 17, [306] 1698

Resolution (*The Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Courtney*) *June* 21, [307] 34

Standing Orders 220 and 246 suspended for the remainder of the Session

Order of June 21st, "That as regards Private Bills to be returned by the House of Lords, with Amendments, such Amendments be considered on the next sitting of the House after the day on which the Bill shall have returned from the Lords," read, and discharged

Ordered, That as regards Private Bills already returned (or to be returned this day), with Amendments, such Amendments be considered forthwith (*Sir Charles Forster*) *June* 24

ORDER—QUESTIONS

Argumentative Questions, Notice of Question, Colonel Waring; Questions, Mr. Sexton, Mr. T. P. O'Connor; Answers, Mr. Speaker *Feb* 29, [302] 1190

PRIVILEGE

Interference of Peers in Election of Members of this House, Questions, Mr. W. J. Corbet, Mr. T. M. Healy; Answers, The Attorney General (Mr. Charles Russell) *Feb* 22, [302] 886; Questions, Mr. T. H. Bolton, Colonel Brookfield; Answers, The Attorney General (Mr. Charles Russell) *Mar* 1, 1515

Words not uttered in this House, Question, Mr. Dillon; Answer, Mr. Speaker *Mar* 8, [303] 123

PROCEDURE

Unopposed Returns, Questions, Mr. Beresford Hope, Mr. Raikes; Answers, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 29, [304] 107

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Fictitious Signatures to Petitions, Question, Mr. Clancy; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone); Observations, Sir Charles Forster *Mar* 15, [303] 821; Questions, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Sexton; Answers, Sir Charles Forster *Mar* 25, 1784

Committee on Public Petitions—The Report—Alleged Forgery of Signatures to Petition from East Cavan, Question, Mr. Clancy; Answer, Sir Charles Forster; Question, Major Saunderson [no reply] *April* 1, [304] 446

Petitions from Ulster against Home Rule, Question, Mr. Biggar; Answer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *May* 31, [306] 493

SITTINGS AND ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE

Ash Wednesday, Moved, "That this House will meet To-morrow at Two of the clock" (*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir William Harcourt*) *Mar* 9, [303] 304; after short debate, Question put; A. 156, N. 82; M. 74 (D. L. 23)

Resolved, That whenever the House shall meet at Two of the clock, the Sittings of the House shall be held subject to the Resolutions of the House of the 30th day of April 1869 (*The Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Arnold Morley*) *April* 5

The Easter Recess

Resolved, "That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday 3rd May *April* 19

The Whitsuntide Recess

House adjourned from Friday *June* 11 to Wednesday *June* 16

The Derby Day, Notice, Mr. Labouchere *May* 21, [305] 1666

Order, Questions, Sir George Campbell; An-
306] swers, Mr. Speaker *May* 25, 34

Moved, "That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Thursday next" (*Mr. Labouchere*), 35; after short debate, Question put; A. 251, N. 150; M. 101 (D.L. 106)

Moved, "That this House do now adjourn" (*Ventilation of the House*) (*Lord Randolph Churchill*) *May* 27, 295; after short debate, Question put, and agreed to

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Parliament—Commons—*Sittings and Adjournment of the House*—cont.

Ascension Day—Committees

Moved, "That Committees shall not sit Tomorrow, being Ascension Day, until Two of the clock, and have leave to sit until Six of the clock, notwithstanding the sitting of the House" (*The Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr. John Morley*) *June* 2, [306] 783; after short debate, Question put; A. 63, N. 22; M. 41 (D. L. 114)

Ordered, That all Committees have leave to sit, notwithstanding the Adjournment of the House (*The First Lord of the Treasury, Mr. W. E. Gladstone*) *June* 7

Ordered, That all Committees have leave to sit, notwithstanding the Adjournment of the House" (*The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir William Harcourt*) *June* 21

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE AND PUBLIC BUSINESS

THE DISSOLUTION

Ministerial Statement, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *June* 10,
306] 1304

Moved, "That this House do now adjourn" (*Sir Michael Hicks-Beach*) *June* 10, 1307; after debate, Motion withdrawn

Ministerial Statement, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *June* 11, 1488

Question, Mr. Macfarlane; Answer, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt) *June* 18, 1854; Moved, "That this House, at its rising, do adjourn till Monday next" (*The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir William Harcourt*); Question put, and agreed to

Moved, "That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Thursday next" (*The Chancellor of the Exchequer*)
307] *June* 21, 62; after short debate, Motion agreed to

Questions, Mr. Woodall, Mr. Labouchere, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Joseph Cowen, Mr. Parnell; Answers, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir Michael Hicks-Beach), Mr. Speaker
302] *Jan* 26, 429; Observations, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach; Reply, Mr. Speaker; Observations, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Feb* 22, 911;—*Introduction of Public Bills*, Observations, Mr. Joseph Cowen, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir Michael Hicks-Beach) *Jan* 22, 192;—*The Army, Navy, and Civil Service Estimates*, Questions, Viscount Folkestone, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Mr. Northcote; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Mar* 2, 1766

The Army Estimates, Question, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Glad-
303] stone) *Mar* 22, 1503;—*Standing Order No.* 485A—*The Navy Estimates*, Question, Mr. Arthur O'Connor; Answer, Mr. Speaker *Mar* 15, 826;—*Arrangement of the Orders of the Day*, Questions, Mr. Raikes;

Parliament—Commons—*Business of the House and Public Business*—cont.

303] Answers, Mr. Speaker *Mar* 19, 1373;—*Arrangement of Supply*, Observations, Mr. Cavendish Bentinck; Reply, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone); short debate thereon *Mar* 19, 1423;—*Crofters* (*Scotland*) (*No.* 2) *Bill*, Questions, Mr. Macfarlane, Mr. William Redmond; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone), Mr. Speaker *Mar* 23, 1642

Arrangement of Business

Questions, Mr. Carbutt, Mr. Macfarlane, Sir John Gorst; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone)
304] *April* 16, 1772;—*Government of Ireland*, Ministerial Statement, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Mar* 29, 109;—*The Debate on the Government of Ireland Bill*, Questions, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Mr. Labouchere; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *April* 12, 1313;—*Questions relating to the Civil Service*, 1880-86, Questions, Mr. Leake, Mr. Puleston; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *April* 5, 755;—*Crofters* (*Scotland*) (*No.* 2) *Bill*, Question, The Marquess of Stafford; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *April* 5, 760; Questions, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Sir George Campbell, Lord Randolph Churchill; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *April* 15, 1630;—*Railway and Canal Traffic Bill*, Question, Sir Joseph Pease; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *April* 5, 760;—*The Oaths Bill*, Question, Mr. Serjeant Simon; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *April* 6, 918

Questions, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Mr. W. O'Brien, Mr. Addison; Answers, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt), The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley), The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *April* 19,
305] 21; Observations, Mr. Sexton, Sir Robert Peel; Questions, Mr. Fraser-Mackintosh, Sir Walter B. Barttelot; Answers, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler), The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt) *May* 3, 152; Questions, Sir George Campbell, Mr. Fraser-Mackintosh; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone), The Lord Advocate (Mr. J. B. Balfour) *May* 4, 270; Observations, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Mr. Bradlaugh; Replies, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *May* 13, 910; Questions, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *May* 20, 1530;—*Orders of the Day*—*Postponement of Unprinted Bills*, Observations, The Secretary to the Board of Trade (Mr. C. T. D. Acland); short debate thereon *May* 5, 339;—*Government of Ireland Bill*, Question, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *May* 7,

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Parliament—Commons—*Business of the House and Public Business*—cont.

305] 528; Questions, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Lord Randolph Churchill; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *May* 10, 572; Questions, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Mr. T. P. O'Connor; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *May* 11, 765;—*Police Superannuation Bill*, Question, Sir Henry Selwin-Ibbetson; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *May* 10, 568;—*Burgh Police and Health* (*Scotland*) *Bill*, Question, Mr. Buchanan; Answer, The Lord Advocate (Mr. J. B. Balfour) *May* 10, 570

Question, Mr. W. H. Smith; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *June* 16, [306] 1676

Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day

The Address, Moved, "That the Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Address, in Answer to Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech, have precedence, this day, over the Notices of Motion" (*The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-*
302] *Beach*) *Jan* 26, 431

After short debate, Amendt. to leave out all after "precedence" to end of Question, add "on all days on which it is set down over Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day" (*Mr. Parnell*); Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after further short debate, Amendt. withdrawn

Amendt. at end of Question, add "and To-morrow over other Orders of the Day and the Notices of Motions" (*Sir William Harcourt*); Question, "That those words be there added," put, and agreed to

Main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to

Procedure and Burmah, Moved, "That the Notices of Motions relating to Parliamentary Procedure and East India, Burmah (Expenses of Military Operations) have precedence of the Orders of the Day" (*The First Lord of the Treasury, Mr. W. E. Gladstone*), 913; after short debate, Question put, and agreed to

Moved, "That the Orders of the Day subsequent to the Order for the Committee on the Land Registry Bill [*Lords*] be postponed until after the Notice of Motion for the introduction of a Bill relating to Crofters in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland" (*The First Lord of the Treasury, Mr. W. E. Gladstone*) *Feb* 25, 1228; Motion agreed to

Observation, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Feb* 25, 1304; Question, Lord Randolph Churchill; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Feb* 26, 1394

Government of Ireland

Moved, "That the Notice of Motion relating to the Government of Ireland have precedence of the Orders of the Day" (*Mr. W. E.*
304] *Gladstone*) *April* 8, 1035; after short debate, Question put, and agreed to

Moved, "That the Order of the Day relating to the Government of Ireland have precedence of the Notices of Motions and the other Orders of the Day" (*Mr. W. E. Gladstone*) *April* 13, [304] 1438; after short debate, Question put, and agreed to

The Debate on the Government of Ireland Bill and the Arms Bill

Moved, "That this day, and on succeeding Tuesdays and Fridays, the Order for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Second Reading of the Government of Ireland Bill, when it is set down among the Orders of the Day, have precedence of Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day" (*Mr. W. E. Gladstone*) *May* 18, [305] 1289; after short debate, Question put, and agreed to

Arrangement of Public Business—Ministerial Statement

Standing Order No. 20, appointing the Committee of Supply to be the First Order on Friday, read *April* 9, [304] 1179

Moved, "That the said Standing Order be suspended" (*The First Lord of the Treasury, Mr. W. E. Gladstone*); after short debate, Motion agreed to

Sale and Purchase of Land (*Ireland*) *Bill*

Standing Order No. 20 suspended *April* 16

Ordered, That the Notice of Motion for leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Sale and Purchase of Land in Ireland have precedence of the Orders of the Day (*Mr. Gladstone*)

PALACE OF WESTMINSTER

House of Commons

Accommodation for Members—Lockers, Questions, Mr. Pyne, Mr. Mitchell Henry; Answers, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *Mar* 5, [303] 13; Questions, Mr. O'Hanlon; Answers, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *Mar* 11, 454; *May* 13, [305] 907

Admission of Visitors to the House of Commons, Questions, Mr. Buchanan; Answers, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *June* 17, [306] 1712

Electric Communication in this House, Question, Mr. Buxton; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *Mar* 11, [303] 450

Galleries of this House — Colonial Ministers and Members of Colonial Legislatures, Question, Dr. O'Doherty; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *April* 5, [304] 742; Question, Mr. Baden-Powell; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *April* 9, 1174

House of Commons' Arrangements — Select Committee of 1867-8—*Over-crowding in the House*, Question, Mr. Mitchell Henry; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Feb* 22, [302] 907

Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms, House of Commons—The Contract, Question, Mr. B. Kelly; Answer, Sir William Hart Dyke *Mar* 19, [303] 1362

Members' Places — Attendance and Places of Members—Securing of Seats, Question, Mr. Mitchell Henry; Answer, Mr. Speaker

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PARLIAMENT—COMMONS—*Palace of Westminster* —cont.

Jan 26, [302] 427; Observations, Mr. Mitchell Henry; Question, Mr. Macfarlane; Answer, Mr. Speaker *April* 7, [304] 978; Questions, Mr. Bartley, Mr. T. M. Healy, Mr. Mitchell Henry; Answers, Mr. Speaker, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *April* 12, 1315

Safety Matches in the Smoking Room, Question, Mr. Pyne; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *April* 9, [304] 1165

The Lobby, Question, Mr. Brunner; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *Mar* 26, [304] 28

The Telegraph Office in this House, Question, Mr. Howard Vincent; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *April* 13, [304] 1427

Writing Room of the House of Commons, Question, Mr. Lalor; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *Mar* 22, [303] 1500

Ventilation of this House

Question, Dr. Farquharson; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 18, [303] 1183; Questions, Mr. Duncombe, Mr. Ashmead-Bartlett; Answers, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *April* 6, [304] 914; Questions, Mr. Baumann; Answers, Sir Henry Roscoe, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *April* 19, [305] 8; Question, Sir Henry Roscoe; Answer, The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Sir James M'Garel-Hogg) *May* 17, 1164; Question, Mr. Radcliffe Cooke; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *June* 11, [306] 1485; Questions, Mr. Isaacs, Sir Walter B. Barttelot; Answers, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury), The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *June* 24, [307] 258

Sewer Gas, Question, Mr. Hanbury; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *April* 15, [304] 1627

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Ventilation of the House" *Mar* 23

Committee nominated as follows:—Dr. Farquharson, Sir Guyer Hunter, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Richard Power, Sir Henry Roscoe

Report of the Select Committee, Questions, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. F. S. Powell; Answers, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *June* 3, [306] 837; Question, Lord Randolph Churchill; Answer, The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Sir James M'Garel-Hogg), 845

Recommendations of the Select Committee, Question, Mr. Isaacs; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *June* 7, [306] 1129

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PARLIAMENT—COMMONS—*Palace of Westminster* —cont.

Palace Yard—A Glass Shelter, Question, Mr. William Beckett; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *May* 25, [306] 29

The Keeper of the Victoria Tower, Question, Mr. Radcliffe Cooke; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 11, [303] 466

The National Ensign, Question, Mr. Radcliffe Cooke; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *Feb* 22, [302] 879

Westminster Hall (Restoration), Question, Mr. Howard Vincent; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 18, [303] 1155

Westminster Hall — Admission of the Public, Question, Mr. Lawson; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *May* 14, [305] 1037

Parliament—Board of Supervision (Scotland)

Moved for, "Returns of the names and designations of the members of the Board of Supervision in Scotland, distinguishing such as are members ex officio: of the number of meetings of the Board relating to the Poor Law held during the years from 1876 to 1885, both inclusive; and, of the number of members present at each such meeting (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 304, of Session 1876)" (*Mr. Preston Bruce*) *Mar* 30, [304] 261; after short debate, Motion agreed to

Parliament — Business of the House — Notices of Questions

Amendt. on Committee of Supply *Mar* 12, To leave out from "That," add "Notices of Questions be given by Members in writing to the Clerk at the Table, without reading them vivâ voce in the House, unless the consent of the Speaker to any particular Question has been previously obtained" (*Sir Henry Selwin-Ibbetson*) *v.*, [303] 697; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. T. P. O'Connor*); after further short debate, Question put; A. 54, N. 235; M. 181 (D. L. 29); words added; original Question put, and negatived

The New Rule of Procedure at Question Time, Questions, Mr. William Redmond, Mr. Cavendish Bentinck; Answers, Mr. Speaker, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Mar* 22, [303] 1503

Parliament—Public Business—The Estimates

Amendt. on Committee of Supply *Mar* 26, To leave out from "That," add "a Select Committee be appointed to consider the Estimates, in conjunction with the Official Heads of Departments, before they are submitted to the House" (*Mr. John Wilson, Edinburgh*) *v.*, [304] 38; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after debate, Question put, and agreed to

Parliament—Business of the House—Precedence of Committees of Supply and Ways and Means, and Money Bills
Questions, Mr. Stanley Leighton; Answers, Mr. T. H. Bolton, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *June* 11, [306] 1491
Moved, "That for the remainder of the Session the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means and all stages of Money Bills have precedence of Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day on every day on which they may be set down by the Government" (*The First Lord of the Treasury, Mr. W. E. Gladstone*); after short debate, Motion agreed to

Parliament—Disqualification of Members—Mr. Octavius Vaughan Morgan
Moved, "That it be referred to a Select Committee of Seven Members to consider whether Mr. Octavius Vaughan Morgan is disqualified from sitting and voting as a Member of this House, under the Statute 22 George 3, c. 45, and to report their opinion thereon" (*Sir John Lubbock*) *Feb* 19, [302] 839; Motion agreed to
Ordered, That the Order appointing a Select Committee to consider whether Mr. Octavius Vaughan Morgan is disqualified from sitting and voting as a Member of this House, be read and discharged (*Sir John Lubbock*) *Feb* 24

Parliament — Palace of Westminster — Refreshment Charges in the House of Commons
Question, Mr. Biggar; Answer, The Chairman of the Kitchen Committee (Sir William Hart Dyke) *April* 5, [304] 737
Select Committee appointed, "to inquire into the Refreshment Charges and Arrangements of the House" (*Mr. Biggar*) *April* 13
Observations, Sir William Hart Dyke; Reply, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *April* 15, 1631

Parliament — Representative Government —Hereditary Legislators
Amendt. on Committee of Supply *Mar* 5, To leave out from "That," add "in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the principles of Representative Government, that any Member of either House of the Legislature should derive his title to legislate by virtue of hereditary descent" (*Mr. Labouchere*) *v.*, [303] 20; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after debate, Question put; A. 202, N. 166; M. 36
(Division List, Ayes and Noes, 50)

Parliament—The Right Hon. Sir Thomas Erskine May, K.C.B., Clerk of this House
Letter received by Mr. Speaker from the Right Hon. Sir Thomas Erskine May, K.C.B., the Clerk of this House *April* 15, [304] 1631
Moved, "That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey to the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Erskine May, K.C.B., on his retirement

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Parliament—The Right Hon. Sir Thomas Erskine May, K.C.B., Clerk of this House—cont.

from the office of Clerk of this House, the assurance of its cordial respect and regard, together with its warm acknowledgment for the prolonged and singularly valuable services which, alike by his pen, his action, and his ever ready advice, he has rendered to this House, and to its Members, in the conduct of their business; joining therewith the expression of its earnest hope that the retirement rendered necessary by his indefatigable exertions may serve effectually for the restoration of his health" (*Mr. Gladstone*) *April* 16, 1774; after short debate, Question put, and agreed to, nemine contradicente

PARLIAMENT—HOUSE OF LORDS

Representative Peer for Ireland
Jan 13—Viscount Bangor, *v.* Earl of Erne, deceased

Representative Peers for Scotland
Feb 18—Earl of Dundonald, *v.* Lord Borthwick, deceased
Mar 26—Earl of Mar, *v.* Viscount Strathallan
Earl of Morton, *v.* Lord Saltoun

Took the Oath for the First Time
Jan 14—The Lord Bishop of Chester
The Lord Bishop of Southwell

New Peers
Jan 19—Sir Thomas Bateson, baronet, created Baron Deramore of Belvoir in the county of Down
Garnet Joseph Baron Wolseley, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., General and General Officer Commanding-in-Chief the Forces in Egypt, created Viscount Wolseley of Wolseley in the county of Stafford
Henry John Montagu-Douglas-Scott, commonly called Lord Henry John Montagu-Douglas-Scott, created Baron Montagu of Beaulieu in the county of Southampton
The Right Honourable Charles John Baron Colville of Culross, in that part of the United Kingdom called Scotland, K.T., created Baron Colville of Culross in the county of Perth
Jan 21—John Henry Lord Fermanagh—Was (in the usual manner) introduced by virtue of a Patent dated the thirteenth day of January 1876, his father, the first Baron (Earl of Erne in the Peerage of Ireland, a representative Peer for Ireland), who was created by such Patent, never having taken his seat as Lord Fermanagh
Jan 26—William Buller Fullerton Baron Elphinstone, in that part of the United Kingdom called Scotland, created Baron Elphinstone in the county of Haddington

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Parliament—Lords—*New Peers*—cont.

Feb 8—The Right Honourable Sir Farrer Herschell, Knight, Lord Chancellor of Great Britain, created Baron Herschell of the city of Durham

Feb 18—Sir Charles Henry Mills, baronet, created Baron Hillingdon of Hillingdon in the county of Middlesex

Feb 23—Sir Edmund Beckett, baronet, created Baron Grimthorpe of Grimthorpe in the East Riding of the county of York

Feb 25—Sir Henry Allsopp, baronet, created Baron Hindlip of Hindlip in the county of Worcester and of Alsop-en-le-Dale in the county of Derby

April 1—The Right Honourable Richard de Aquila Grosvenor (commonly called Lord Richard de Aquila Grosvenor), created Lord Stalbridge of Stalbridge in the county of Dorset

The Right Honourable William Baron Kensington, in that part of the United Kingdom called Ireland, created Baron Kensington of Kensington in the county of Middlesex

Sat First

Jan 12—The Earl of Buckinghamshire, after the death of his grandfather

Jan 19—The Earl of Wilton, after the death of his brother

The Duke of Newcastle, after the death of his father

The Marquess of Abercorn, after the death of his father

Jan 21—The Viscount Halifax, after the death of his father

Jan 28—The Lord Houghton, after the death of his father

Mar 4—The Earl of Stradbroke, after the death of his father

May 17—The Lord Forester, after the death of his brother

May 24—The Lord Brougham and Vaux, after the death of his father

May 27—The Earl of Chichester, after the death of his father

Parliament—House of Commons

New Writs Issued

Jan 21—*For* Croydon, *v.* Sir William Grantham, knight, one of the Justices of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice

For Armagh County (Mid Division), *v.* John M'Kane, esquire, deceased

For Edinburgh (South Division), *v.* Sir George Harrison, knight, deceased

For Carlow County, *v.* Edmond Dwyer Gray, esquire, who, having been returned as a Member for the said County of Carlow, and also for the Borough of Dublin (St. Stephen's Green Division), hath elected to sit for the Borough of Dublin (St. Stephen's Green Division)

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Parliament — Commons — *New Writs Issued*—cont.

Jan 21—*For* Monaghan County (Northern Division), *v.* Timothy M. Healy, esquire, who, having been returned as a Member for the said County of Monaghan (Northern Division), and also for the County of Derry (Southern Division), hath elected to sit for the County of Derry (Southern Division)

Feb 1—*For* Galway, *v.* Thomas P. O'Connor, esquire, who, having been returned as a Member for the said Borough of Galway, and also for the Borough of Liverpool (Scotland Division), hath elected to sit for the Borough of Liverpool (Scotland Division)

For Queen's County (Ossory Division), *v.* Arthur O'Connor, esquire, who, having been returned as a Member for the said Queen's County (Ossory Division), and also for the County of Donegal (Eastern Division), hath elected to sit for the County of Donegal (Eastern Division)

Feb 4—*For* Edinburgh County, *v.* Right honble. William Ewart Gladstone, First Lord of the Treasury

For Derby Borough, *v.* Right honble. Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer

For Edinburgh (Southern Division), *v.* Right honble. Hugh Culling Eardley Childers, Secretary of State

For Stirling District of Burghs, *v.* Right honble. Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Secretary of State

For Birmingham (Western Division), *v.* Right honble. Joseph Chamberlain, President of the Local Government Board

For Hawick District of Burghs, *v.* Right honble. George Otto Trevelyan, Secretary for Scotland

For Sheffield Borough (Brightside Division), *v.* Right honble. Anthony John Mundella, President of the Board of Trade

For Hackney Borough (South Division), *v.* Charles Russell, esquire, Attorney General

Feb 6—*For* Newcastle upon Tyne, *v.* John Morley, esquire, Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland

For Leeds (Southern Division), *v.* Right honble. Sir Lyon Playfair, Vice President of the Council

For Great Grimsby, *v.* Edward Heneage, esquire, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

For Berwick County, *v.* Honble. Edward Marjoribanks, Controller of the Household

For Bedford County (Southern Division), *v.* Cyril Flower, esquire, Commissioner of the Treasury

For Stafford County (North Western Division), *v.* George Granville Leveson Gower, esquire, Commissioner of the Treasury

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Parliament — Commons — *New Writs Issued*—cont.

Feb 6 —*For* Clackmannan and Kinross, *v.* Right honble. John Blair Balfour, Lord Advocate of Scotland
For Elgin District of Burghs, *v.* Alexander Asher, esquire, Her Majesty's Solicitor General for Scotland
For Banff County, *v.* Robert William Duff, esquire, Commissioner of the Admiralty
For Northampton County (Mid Division), *v.* Honble. Charles Robert Spencer, Groom in Waiting

Feb 18—*For* Flintshire, *v.* The Right honble. Richard de Aquila Grosvenor, commonly called Lord Richard Grosvenor, Chiltern Hundreds
For Somerset County (Southern Division), *v.* The Right honble. Frederick Edward Gould Lambart, commonly called Viscount Kilcoursie, Vice Chamberlain of the Household
For Cardiff Borough, *v.* Sir Edward James Reed, K.C.B., Commissioner of the Treasury
For Borough of Grantham, *v.* John William Mellor, esquire, Judge Advocate General

Feb 24—*For* the Battersea Division of the Borough of Battersea and Clapham, *v.* Octavius Vaughan Morgan, esquire, Manor of Northstead

Mar 29—*For* Borough of Barrow-in-Furness, *v.* David Duncan, esquire, void Election

Mar 30—*For* Halifax, *v.* The Right Hon. James Stansfeld, President of the Local Government Board

April 2—*For* the City of Norwich, *v.* Harry Bullard, esquire, void Election

April 7—*For* the Borough of Ipswich, *v.* Henry Wyndham West, esquire, one of Her Majesty's Council learned in the Law, and Jesse Collings, esquire, void Election

April 13—*For* North-East Lancashire (Clitheroe Division), *v.* Sir Ughtred James Kay-Shuttleworth, baronet, Chancellor of the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster

April 14—*For* Bradford (Central Division), *v.* The Right honble. William Edward Forster, deceased

New Members Sworn

Jan 28—The Hon. Sidney Herbert, *Croydon*

Feb 1—Right Hon. Hugh Culling Eardley Childers, *Burgh of Edinburgh* (*South Division*)

Feb 18—John Aloysius Blake, esquire, *Carlow County*
The Honble. Edward Marjoribanks, *Berwick County*
The Right honble. Sir William George Granville Venables Vernon Harcourt, knight, *Derby Borough*

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Parliament—Commons—*New Members Sworn*—cont.

Alexander Asher, esquire, *Elgin District of Burghs*
The Right honble. Anthony John Mundella, *Sheffield* (*Brightside Division*)
Cyril Flower, esquire, *Bedford County* (*Luton Division*)
The Right honble. John Morley, *Newcastle upon Tyne*
The Right honble. John Blair Balfour, *Combined Counties of Clackmannan and Kinross*
The Honble. Charles Robert Spencer, *Northampton County* (*Mid Division*)
The Right honble. Edward Heneage, *Great Grimsby*
Charles Russell, esquire, *Hackney* (*South Division*)
The Right honble. George Otto Trevelyan, *Hawick District of Burghs*
The Right honble. Joseph Chamberlain, *Birmingham* (*West Division*)
The Right honble. Sir Lyon Playfair, K.C.B., *Leeds* (*South Division*)
Robert William Duff, esquire, *Banff County*
The Right honble. Hugh Culling Eardley Childers, *Burgh of Edinburgh* (*South Division*)
The Right honble. Henry Campbell-Bannerman, *Stirling District of Burghs*
George Granville Leveson Gower, esquire, *Stafford County* (*North Western Division*)
Sir James Porter Corry, baronet, *Armagh County* (*Mid Division*)
The Right honble. William Ewart Gladstone, *Edinburgh County*

Feb 19—Stephen O'Mara, esquire, *Queen's County* (*Ossory Division*)

Feb 22—William Henry O'Shea, esquire, *Galway Borough*

Feb 25—Right honble. Frederick Edward Gould Lambart, commonly called Viscount Kilcoursie, *Somerset County* (*Southern Division*)
John William Mellor, esquire, *Grantham*

Mar 1—Sir Edward James Reed, K.C.B., *Cardiff Borough*
Patrick O'Brien, esquire, *Monaghan County* (*Northern Division*)
Octavius Vaughan Morgan, esquire, *Battersea*

Mar 29—Sir William Cunliffe Brooks, baronet, *Chester County* (*Altrincham Division*)

April 5—The Right honble. James Stansfeld, *Halifax*

April 8—Samuel Smith, esquire, *Flint County*
Samuel Hoare, esquire, *Norwich*
William Sproston Caine, esquire, *Barrow-in-Furness*

April 16—Charles Dalrymple, esquire, *Borough of Ipswich*

May 3—Right Hon. George Shaw Lefevre, *Bradford* (*Central Division*)

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PARLIAMENT — COMMONS — *New Members Sworn* —cont.
Right Hon. Sir Ughtred James Kay-Shuttleworth, baronet, *North-East Lancashire* (*Clitheroe Division*)
Hugo Richard Charteris, commonly called Lord Elcho, *Ipswich*

Parliamentary and Municipal Registration
Questions, Sir Julian Goldsmid, Mr. Thorold Rogers; Answers, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *April 5*, [304] 754

Parliamentary Elections
Expenses of Candidates, Questions, Mr. Labouchere, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. T. M. Healy; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *June* 1, [306] 672
The General Election, 1885—*Returns of Election Expenses*, Question, Mr. Carvell Williams; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *June* 17, [306] 1717
List of Claims to Vote of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, Questions, Mr. Peter M'Donald, Mr. Macartney; Answers, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Feb* 25, [302] 1197
Lists of Voters—Amendments of Misdescription, Question, Sir Bernhard Samuelson; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 1, [302] 1521
Militiamen Voters, Question, The Earl of March; Answer, The Surveyor General of Ordnance (Mr. Woodall) *June* 21, [307] 57
Polling Arrangements, Question, Sir Henry Meysey Thompson; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 11, [303] 476
Registration of Voters—Legislation, Questions, Mr. Conybeare, Mr. T. M. Healy; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Feb* 22, [302] 907; Question, Mr. Jasper More; Answer, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. Stansfeld) *May* 27, [306] 193
Patent Ballot Machine, Questions, Mr. Coote; Answers, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 22, [303] 1492
Secrecy of the Ballot, Question, Mr. Everett; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 4, [302] 1903; Question, Mr. Everett; Answer, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *Mar* 22, [303] 1474
The Volunteers during Elections, Questions, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Donkin; Answers, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *June* 17, [306] 1718

Parliamentary Elections Bill (*Mr. Conybeare, Mr. Macdonald Cameron, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Hobhouse, Mr. Shirley*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 82]
Bill withdrawn * *June* 17

Parliamentary Elections (Clerical Interference) Bill
c. Motion for Leave (*Captain M'Calmont*) *May* 20, [305] 1628; after short debate, Question put, and negatived

Parliamentary Elections (Polls) Bill
(*Mr. Joseph Cowen, Mr. Labouchere, Mr. Agnew*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 24]
2R. [Dropped]

Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers) Act (1875) Amendment Bill
(*Mr. T. M. Healy, Mr. Chance*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 11 [Bill 211]
305] Read 2°, after short debate *May* 14, 1142
Committee *—R.P. *May* 24
306] Committee; Report *May* 28, 424
Considered *May* 31, 611; further Proceeding deferred [Bill 241]
Further Proceeding resumed *June* 3, 981; Moved, "That this House do now adjourn" (*Mr. Mark Stewart*); after short debate, Question put, and agreed to
Further Proceeding resumed *June* 10, 1436; after debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Secretary Childers*); Motion agreed to; Debate adjourned
Bill, as amended, further considered *June* 11, 1579
Amendts. made; Moved, "That the Bill be re-committed in respect of a new Clause and Schedule" (*Mr. Labouchere*), 1606; after short debate, Question put; A. 98, N. 67; M. 31 (D. L. 129)
Moved, "That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power to provide for the payment of the returning officer's expenses out of rates" (*Mr. Labouchere*), 1614; Question put, and agreed to
Motion, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," put, and agreed to; Committee; Report; Considered
Bill re-committed; Committee; Report; Considered; read 3° *June* 16, 1668 [Bill 282]
l. Read 1ª * (*The Lord President*) *June* 17
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª"
307] *June* 21, 7
Amendt. to leave out ("now,") add ("this day six months") (*The Marquess of Salisbury*); after short debate, Amendt. withdrawn; Motion agreed to; Bill read 2ª (No. 162)
Committee *June* 22, 168
Report *; read 3ª *June* 23
c. Lords' Amendts. considered, and agreed to, after short debate *June* 24, 261
l. Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 57]

Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers' Expenses) (Ireland) Bill
(*Mr. Tuite, Mr. Chance, Mr. Timothy Harrington, Mr. Maurice Healy, Mr. Alexander Blane*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 8]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *May* 12, [305] 829

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Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers' Expenses) (Ireland) Bill—cont.
Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day six months" (*Colonel King-Harman*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" after debate, Question put; A. 174, N. 56; M. 118 (D. L. 95)
Bill withdrawn * *June* 10

Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers' Expenses) (Scotland) Bill
(*Mr. Hunter, Mr. Barclay, Dr. Clark, Mr. Esslemont, Mr. Edmund Robertson*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 84]
2R. [Dropped]

Parliamentary Franchise Bill
(*Mr. Moulton, Mr. A. Acland, Mr. Dillwyn*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 3 [Bill 124]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *April* 2, [304] 697
Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Sir Henry James*); after short debate, Question put, and agreed to; Debate adjourned
Debate resumed *May* 5, [305] 352; after short debate, Moved, "That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday 7th July" (*Mr. Secretary Childers*); Question put, and agreed to
Adjourned Debate on 2R. [Dropped]

Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Bill (*Mr. Woodall, Sir Robert Fowler, Mr. Houldsworth, Mr. Illingworth, Mr. Stansfeld, Mr. Yorke*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 70]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *Feb* 18, [302] 689; after short debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Sir Henry James*); after further short debate, Question put; A. 102, N. 159; M. 57 (D. L. 6)
Original Question put, and agreed to; Bill read 2°
Bill withdrawn * *June* 10

Parliamentary Papers
Public Libraries, Parliamentary Papers for, Question, Mr. Kenrick; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 4, [302] 1881
Public Sale—The Quarterly Lists, Question, Mr. Arthur Acland; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 23, [303] 1636

Parliamentary Register, The, for St. Pancras, Eastern Division—The Vestry Clerk
Questions, Mr. Baggallay; Answers, The Secretary to the Local Government Board (Mr. Jesse Collings) *Mar* 25, [303] 1783; Questions, Mr. Baggallay; Answers, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. Stansfeld) *April* 12, [304] 1300; *April* 19, [305] 7

Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill
(*Sir Julian Goldsmid, Mr. Labouchere, Mr. Robson, Mr. M'Iver*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Feb* 19 [Bill 100]
2R., Debate adjourned *May* 19, [305] 1465
Further Proceeding on 2R. [Dropped]

PARNELL, Mr. C. S., *Cork*
Arms (Ireland), 2R. [305] 1536, 1537, 1539, 1540, 1552
Belfast Main Drainage, Res. [302] 1740
Government of Ireland, Motion for Leave, [304] 1124, 1192, 1195, 1278, 1279, 1336, 1391; 2R. [305] 929, 1252, 1728; [306] 98, 99, 778, 779, 1168, 1199, 1200
Imperial Revenue (Ireland and Great Britain), Res. [302] 1062
Intoxicating Liquors (Sale to Children), 2R. [304] 693
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Committee *; Report; read 3° *June* 21
l. Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 37]

Patriotic Fund Bill [H.L.]
(*The Lord Sandhurst*)
l. Presented; read 1ª * *May* 31 (No. 131)
Read 2ª *June* 4, [306] 996
Committee *; Report *June* 8
Read 3ª * *June* 10
c. Read 1° * (*Mr. Secretary Campbell-Bannerman*) *June* 10 [Bill 271]
Read 2° * *June* 16
Committee *; Report; read 3° *June* 17
l. Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 30]

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Peterhead Harbour of Refuge Bill
(*Mr. Duff, Mr. Hibbert, Mr. Henry H. Fowler, The Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 25 [Bill 232]
Read 2° *, and referred to a Select Committee *May* 31
And, on *June* 2, Committee nominated as follows: — Sir Archibald Campbell, Mr. Duff, Mr. Roe
Bill reported * *June* 7 [Bill 266]
Committee * (*on re-comm.*)—R.P. *June* 10
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Considered; read 3° *June* 16, 1651
l. Read 1ª * (*E. of Dalhousie*) *June* 17 (No. 166)
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c. Res. considered in Committee, and agreed to *June* 10, [306] 1467
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c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 3 [Bill 201]
Read 2° * *May* 11
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Considered *; read 3° *June* 21
l. Read 1ª * *June* 21 (No. 191)

Places of Worship Sites Bill
(*Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Borlase, Mr. Burt, Mr. M'Arthur, Mr. Henry Wilson*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 10 [Bill 136]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *April* 2, [304] 652; Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day six months" (*Mr. Beresford Hope*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" after short debate, Question put, and agreed to; Bill read 2°
Committee [Dropped]

PLAYFAIR, Right Hon. Sir Lyon (Vice President of the Committee of Council on Education), *Leeds, S.*
Arms (Ireland), Comm. *cl.* 2, [306] 268
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304] 898, 899
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Poisons, Sale of—Legislation
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Police and Improvement (Scotland) Provisional Order (Leith) Bill
(The Lord Advocate, Mr. Mundella)
c. Ordered ; read 1° * *April* 19 [Bill 197]
Read 2°, after short debate *May* 20, [305] 1516
Report * *June* 2
Considered * *June* 4

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Read 3º * *June* 7
l. Read 1ª * (*E. of Dalhousie*) *June* 7 (No. 150)
Read 2ª * *June* 18
Committee *; Report *June* 21
Read 3ª * *June* 22
Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. lxii]

Police Constables' Pensions Bill
(*Lord Claud John Hamilton, Sir Henry Selwin-Ibbetson, Mr. Raikes, Sir George Russell*)

c. Ordered; read 1º * *Jan* 22 [Bill 28]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2º" *April* 14, [304] 1570
After short debate, Amendt. to leave out from "That," add "statutory pensions granted by Parliament to the Police ought not to be provided by imposing fresh burdens on the ratepayers" (*Mr. Stanley Leighton*) *v.*; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after further short debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Sir Henry Selwin-Ibbetson*); Question put, and agreed to; Debate adjourned
Adjourned Debate on 2R. [Dropped]

Police Forces Enfranchisement Bill
(*Sir Henry Selwin-Ibbetson, Lord Claud Hamilton, Mr. Radcliffe Cooke, Mr. Cowen, Sir George Russell*)

c. Ordered; read 1º * *Jan* 22 [Bill 3]
Read 2º, after debate *Mar* 31, [304] 356
Committee—R.P. *April* 5, 897
Committee—R.P. *April* 13, 1550
Order for Committee read *April* 19, [305] 143; Moved, "That this House will, upon Monday, the 3rd day of May next, resolve itself into the said Committee" (*Sir Henry Selwin-Ibbetson*)
Amendt. to leave out "Monday, the 3rd day of May next," insert "Friday, the 20th day of August next" (*Mr. Parnell*) *v.*; Question proposed, "That Monday, &c.;" after short debate, Question put, and negatived; Question put, "That 'Friday, &c.;" A. 80, N. 77; M. 3 (D. L. 86)
Main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to
Order for Committee upon Friday 20th August read, and discharged; Bill withdrawn * *May* 21

Police Forces (Removal of Disabilities) Bill (*Mr. Tottenham, Sir William Hart Dyke, Sir Julian Goldsmid, Viscount Grimston, Mr. Biddulph, Colonel King-Harman, Mr. Rylands*)

c. Motion for Leave (*Mr. Tottenham*) *May* 20, [305] 1631; after short debate, Motion agreed to; Bill ordered; read 1º * [Bill 221]
2R. [Dropped]

Police Superannuation and Pensions Bill
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Political Demonstrations—Military Bands
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POOR LAW (ENGLAND AND WALES)
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Aged Couples in Workhouses, Question, Mr. F. S. Stevenson; Answer, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. J. Chamberlain) *Mar* 11, [303] 469
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Collection of Rates at Crewkerne, Question, Mr. H. R. Farquharson; Answer, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. J. Chamberlain) *Mar* 23, [303] 1628
Death of a Child in Totnes Workhouse from Over-Feeding, Questions, Viscount Barrington; Answers, Lord Sudeley (for the Local Government Board) *April* 2, [304] 594; *May* 6, [305] 359
Depression of Trade and Industry—Outdoor Relief, Questions, Mr. Isaacs; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone), The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. J. Chamberlain) *Feb* 18, [302] 591; Observations, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *April* 2, [304] 644; short debate thereon
Derivative Settlements, Question, Mr. Norton; Answer, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. J. Chamberlain) *Mar* 1, [302] 1520
Destitute Russians at Hull, Question, Mr. C. H. Wilson; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *Mar* 18, [303] 1180
Election of Guardians—Nottingham, Question, Mr. Conybeare; Answer, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. Stansfeld) *April* 15, [304] 1621
Emigration of Orphan and Deserted Children, Question, Mr. Seton-Karr; Answer, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. Stansfeld) *April* 12, [304] 1307
Fires in Union Workhouses, Question, Mr. Llewellyn; Answer, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. Stansfeld) *May* 25, [306] 31
Law of Removal—Case of Mary Ann Assiter, Maidstone, Question, Mr. Isaacs; Answer, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. Stansfeld) *May* 4, [305] 267
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Salaries of Poor Law Officials, Question, Mr. Cornwallis West; Answer, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. J. Chamberlain) *Mar* 12, [303] 635

Voters, Disqualification of—The Labour Test, Question, Mr. Bigwood; Answer, The Secretary to the Local Government Board (Mr. Jesse Collings) *Mar* 5, [303] 16

Poor Law Guardians (Ireland) Bill (*Mr. Edward Harrington, Mr. Edmond Dwyer Gray, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Timothy Healy, Mr. Jordan*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 5]

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *May* 19, [305] 1413

Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day six months" (*Colonel King-Harman*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" after debate, Question put; A. 203, N. 105; M. 98 (D. L. 99)

Main Question put, and agreed to; Bill read 2°

Bill withdrawn * *June* 10

Poor Law Loans and Relief (Scotland) Bill (*The Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *June* 1 [Bill 252]

Read 2° * *June* 3

Committee *—R.P. *June* 10

Committee; Report *June* 11, [306] 1564

Considered *; read 3° *June* 16

l. Read 1ª * (*E. of Dalhousie*) *June* 17 (No. 158)

Read 2ª * *June* 18

Committee *; Report *June* 21

Read 3ª * *June* 22 (No. 197)

Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 51]

Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill (*Mr. John Morley, Mr. Henry H. Fowler*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 29 [Bill 155]

Read 2°, after short debate *April* 1, [304] 566

Committee; Report *April* 5, 873

Considered; read 3° *April* 7, 1030

l. Read 1ª * (*Earl Spencer*) *April* 8 (No. 66)

Read 2ª, after short debate *April* 9, 1155

Committee * *April* 12 (No. 74)

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Read 3ª * *April* 16

c. Lords Amendts. *April* 16 [Bill 192]

l. Royal Assent *May* 10 [49 *Vict.* c. 17]

Port and Harbour Authorities Bill (*Mr. Matthew Kenny, Mr. Biggar, Mr. Justin Huntly M'Carthy, Mr. Peter M'Donald, Mr. James O'Doherty, Mr. Timothy Harrington*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 40]

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Arrest of Missionaries in Madeira, Question, Admiral Field; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *April* 12, [304] 1310

Quarantine at Tercia—The "Maggie," Question, Mr. Carbutt; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *June* 17, [306] 1701

Postmaster General (*see* Manners, Right Hon. Lord J. J. R.)

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Post Office (*Questions*)

Abstraction of Newspapers, Question, Mr. Henniker Heaton; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *May* 28, [306] 316

Transmission of Newspapers to India and Australia, Question, Mr. Henniker Heaton; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *June* 3, [306] 837

Newspapers not delivered, Question, Mr. Henniker Heaton; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *June* 7, [306] 1136

Annual Report, Question, Mr. Henniker Heaton; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *June* 7, [306] 1137

Colonial Postage, Question, Mr. Dixon-Hartland; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 19, [303] 1352

Extra Postage, Question, Mr. E. Rider Cook; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 1, [302] 1537

Kiveton Park, York, W.R., Question, Mr. Shirley; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *May* 11, [305] 754

Postage to Australia, Question, Mr. Henniker Heaton; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *May* 31, [306] 501

Postage Stamps, Question, Mr. Dixon-Hartland; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 19, [303] 1353

Postal Charges from West African Colonies, Question, Mr. Hutton; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *June* 7, [306] 1130

Post Cards, Question, Mr. Northcote; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 1, [302] 1524; Question, Mr. Henniker Heaton; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *May* 28, [306] 309; — *Colonial Post Cards*, Question, Mr. Henniker Heaton; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 4, [302] 1900

Post Offices at Railway Stations, Observations, Mr. Cavendish Bentinck; Reply, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *May* 7, [305] 545 [House counted out]

Provisional Appointments, Question, Mr. Radcliffe Cooke; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 11, [303] 465

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Remuneration of Rural Postmen, Question, Mr. Deasy; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *April* 5, [304] 728

Rural Postal Deliveries, Question, Sir Edward Birkbeck; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 16, [303] 977

St. Pancras District Post Office — "Extra Duty," Question, Mr. Lawson; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *April* 5, [304] 739

Savings Banks, Question, Mr. De Cobain; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 11, [303] 473; Question, Mr. Bartley; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 25, 1806

Deposits at Village Post Offices, Question, Mr. Beadel; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 15, [303] 801 *P.P.* 19, 127, 149

The Meteorological Society—Transmission of Meteorological Reports, Question, Sir Richard Paget; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 11, [303] 434

The Metropolitan Police — The Telegraphs, Question, Earl Fortescue; Answer, The Postmaster General (Lord Wolverton) *April* 1, [304] 428

The Postal Union — Rates of Postage, Question, Mr. Hutton; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *April* 5, [304] 728; — *Extension to Australasia*, Questions, Mr. Henniker Heaton; Answers, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Feb* 22, [302] 879; *Feb* 25, 1223

The Universities, Question, Mr. Shirley; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Feb* 25, [302] 1208; Question, Sir John R. Mowbray; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 4, 1905

Transmission of Printed Matter at Elections, Question, Mr. W. H. James; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 11, [303] 466

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Acceleration of Mails to Oban, Question, Mr. Richard Campbell; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *June* 17, [306] 1701

Colonial Postal Arrangements—Pacific Mail Steamers — Vancouver and Hong Kong, Questions, Observations, The Earl of Harrowby; Reply, The Secretary of State for the Colonies (Earl Granville) *Mar* 8, [303] 90

Mail Service to China by Canadian Pacific Railway, Question, The Earl of Harrowby; Answer, The Postmaster General (Lord Wolverton) *June* 22, [307] 185

Conveyance of Mails to India, Question, Mr. R. T. Reid; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *June* 1, [306] 668

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Irish Mail Service, Question, Mr. Peter M'Donald; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 12, [303] 641

Letters to the Niger and Gulf of Guinea, Question, Mr. Hutton; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *June* 17, [306] 1699

Mails between Cyprus and Alexandria, Question, Mr. Howard Vincent; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Osborne Morgan) *Feb* 26, [302] 1389

Sea Conveyance of Letters to Australia, Question, Mr. Henniker Heaton; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *June* 7, [306] 1135

The United States, Mails to, Question, Mr. Giles; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 9, [303] 300; Question, Mr. Montagu; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 22, 1475

Outward American Mails, Question, Mr. Montagu; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *May* 3, [305] 151

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Australia and New Zealand, Question, Mr. Spensley; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Feb* 23, [302] 1020

France and England, Question, Mr. Henniker Heaton; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Feb* 25, [302] 1219

France and Italy, Parcel Post to, Question, Mr. Henniker Heaton; Answer, The Postmaster General (Lord John Manners) *Jan* 25, [302] 305; Questions, Mr. Henniker Heaton; Answers, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 12, [303] 639; *May* 6, [305] 369

Carriage of Parcels in Suburban and Rural Districts—Letter Carriers, Question, Mr. Boord; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Feb* 22, [302] 879; — *Rural Letter Carriers*, Question, Sir Richard Webster; Answer; The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 4, [302] 1890

Pay of Carriers, Question, Sir Thomas Esmonde; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *April* 13, [304] 1428

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Addresses of Telegrams, Question, Mr. Sexton; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 1, [302] 1525; Question, Colonel Nolan; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 4, 1890

Abbreviated Telegraphic Addresses, Question, Mr. Seton-Karr; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 25, [303] 1782; Question, Mr. Labouchere; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler), 1797

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Insufficiently Addressed Telegrams, Question, Mr. Forwood; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 25, [303] 1798; Question, Mr. Houldsworth; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *April* 15, [304] 1624; Question, Mr. Forwood; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *May* 10, [305] 567

Delivery of Telegrams, Question, Mr. Forwood; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Feb* 22, [302] 886

Registered Telegraphic Addresses, Question, Mr. David Smith; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 23, [303] 1637;—*Messrs. J. & W. Judge, Kennington,* Question, Mr. Gent-Davis; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 26, [304] 29; Questions, Mr. Lane, Viscount Grimston; Answers, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 30, 252

Overhead Telegraph and Telephone Wires—The Recent Snowstorm, Question, Sir Henry Tyler; Answer, The Postmaster General (Lord John Manners) *Jan* 25, [302] 307; Question, Mr. M'Iver; Answer, The Secretary to the Local Government Board (Mr. Jesse Collings) *Mar* 4, 1893

Prepayment of Messages to the Continent, Question, Dr. Tanner; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *April* 9, [304] 1164

Rural Telegraphs—Position of the Guarantors, Question, Sir John Kennaway; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 19, [303] 1352

Secrecy of Telegrams, Question, Dr. Cameron; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *May* 24, [305] 1821

Telegraph Clerks—Sunday Work, Question, Mr. Howard Vincent; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 4, [302] 1878

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Post Office—Mail Contract (London and South Western Railway Company and London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company)

Resolved, That the Contract with the London and South Western Railway Company and with the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company for the conveyance of the Mails to and from Portsmouth and Ryde be approved (*The Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Henry H. Fowler*) *June* 21

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Post Office—Postal Service (British Possessions)—Rates of Postage

Amendt. on Committee of Supply *May* 7, To leave out from "That," add "the interests of the people urgently require that on letters, newspapers, and printed matter there should be a discontinuance of the charges of higher rates of postage in Great Britain than those which are charged to the public in other countries for Postal Service by British steamers carrying Mails to and from the Colonies and the possessions of Great Britain in India and elsewhere" (*Mr. James Hutton*) *v.*, [305] 530; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after short debate, Question put, and agreed to

Post Office — Submarine Telegraph Contract (St. Vincent to the West Coast of Africa)

Moved, "That the Contract, dated the 19th day of January 1886, for the Construction of a Submarine Telegraph Line from the Island of St. Vincent to the West Coast of Africa be approved" (*Mr. Henry H. Fowler*) *Mar* 1, [302] 1662; after short debate, Debate adjourned

Debate resumed *Mar* 4, 2013

Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Labouchere*); after short debate, Question put, and agreed to; Debate adjourned

Debate resumed *Mar* 5, [303] 67

Amendt. to leave out "approved," insert "referred to a Select Committee" (*Mr. Henniker Heaton*) *v.*; Question proposed, "That 'approved,' &c.;" after debate, Question put; A. 199, N. 34; M. 165 (D. L. 19); main Question put, and agreed to

Post Office—Universal International Penny Postage

Moved, "That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for the Government of this Country to open negotiations with other Governments, with a view to the establishment of a Universal International Penny Postage system" (*Mr. Henniker Heaton*) *Mar* 30, [304] 261

Amendt. To leave out from "Country," add "to take the necessary steps with a view to the establishment of a Penny Postage system throughout the British Empire" (*Mr. James Hutton*) *v.*; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after debate, Question put, and agreed to

Main Question put; A. 127, N. 258; M. 131 (D. L. 52)

Post Office Sites Bill

(*Mr. Spencer, Mr. Henry H. Fowler*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 18 [Bill 148]

Read 2°, and committed to a Select Committee *April* 15, [304] 1747

And, on *May* 19, Committee nominated as follows:— Mr. Gerald Balfour, Viscount Lymington, Mr. Spencer

Report of Select Comm. *May* 25 [No. 166]

Committee * (*on re-comm.*); Report; read 3° *May* 28 [Bill 229]

l. Read 1ª * (*L. Wolverton*) *May* 31 (No. 130)

Read 2ª * *June* 7

Report * *June* 10

Committee *; Report; read 3ª *June* 18

Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 51]

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Powell, Mr. F. S., *Wigan*
- Army (Auxiliary Forces) — Liverpool Volunteers, [306] 1702
- Church Patronage, 2R. [304] 1015
- Coal Mines, Comm. [303] 910
- Compulsory Purchase of Land Compensation, 2R. [305] 858
- Customs and Inland Revenue, 2R. [305] 235
- Education Department — School Board Elections—Hours of Polling, [305] 541
- Employers' Liability Act (1880) Amendment, 2R. [302] 1087
- France—Condition of the Agricultural and Industrial Classes—Report of the Commission, [304] 14
- Inland Revenue—Land Tax Commission, [303] 1494
- Intoxicating Liquors (Sale to Children), Comm. *cl.* 1, [306] 1661
- Labour Statistics, Res. [302] 1779
- Lowe's Charity (Lichfield), Res. [305] 1394
- Medical Acts Amendment, Comm. *cl.* 7, [306] 601
- Parliament—Ipswich Writ, [304] 982, 983
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- Army Discipline Act—Redress of Wrong—Appeals, [306] 495
- Ireland—Reformatory and Industrial Schools—Waterford Industrial School, [303] 815
  - Tithe Rent-Charges—Extension of Time for Payment by Landlords, [303] 452

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- Hyde Park Corner (New Streets), 2R. [305] 1263
- Incumbents of Benefices Loans Extension, 2R. [305] 1150
- Union of Benefices, 2R. [303] 1610

Prevention of Hydrophobia Bill
(*Mr. Macfarlane, Dr. Cameron, Mr. M'Iver, Dr. Farquharson*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *April* 1 [Bill 162]
2R. [Dropped]

Price, Captain G. E., *Devonport*
- Army—Egyptian Medals for the Royal Marine Battalion, [304] 1167
- Charity Commissioners—Trusts of Dedham Grammar School, [306] 189
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  - Naval Pensions, [302] 1205;—Pensions for Widows of Seamen and Marines, [303] 1638
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  - Scientific Branch, [305] 1971, 1973
  - Wages, &c. to Seamen and Marines, [303] 1257, 1259, 1281
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- Woolwich Arsenal—Discharge of Workmen, [302] 1913

Prime Minister (*see* **Salisbury, Marquess of**)

Prime Minister (*see* **Gladstone, Right Hon. W. E.**)

Prison Officers' Superannuation Bill
(*Sir Edward Reed, Mr. Henry H. Fowler*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 29 [Bill 154]
Read 2°, after short debate *April* 1, [304] 576
Committee *; Report *April* 2
Read 3° * *April* 5
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Thurlow*) *April* 6 (No. 61)
Read 2ª *April* 8, 1033
Committee *; Report *April* 9
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Prisons (*England and Wales*)
- *Canterbury Gaol—Case of William Joslin,* Question, Mr. W. H. James; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *April* 1, [304] 450
- *Clerks in Local Prisons,* Question, Mr. Bartley; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *April* 13, [304] 1436
- *The New Prison at Norwich,* Question, Mr. Colman; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *April* 13, [304] 1427

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Prisons (England and Wales)—cont.
Transference of Convicts, Question, Sir Robert Fowler; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *May* 27, [306] 203

Private Bill Legislation Bill (*Mr. Sellar, Sir Lyon Playfair, Mr. Raikes, Mr. John Morley, Mr. Robertson*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 22]
2R. [Dropped]

Private Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) Bill (*Mr. William Corbet, Mr. Dillwyn, Mr. P. J. Power, Dr. Cameron, Mr. Mayne*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 25 [Bill 89]
2R. [Dropped]

Probation of First Offenders Bill (*Mr. Howard Vincent, Sir Henry Selwin-Ibbetson, Sir Algernon Borthwick, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Molloy*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 39]
2R., after short debate, Debate adjourned *May* 5, [305] 333
Read 2° * *June* 11
Committee *; Report; read 3° *June* 18
l. Read 1ª * (*E. of Belmore*) *June* 19 (No. 185)
Order for 2R. discharged *June* 22, [307] 175

Public Education (England and Wales)
Departmental Statement, The Vice President of the Council (Sir Lyon Playfair) *June* 17, [306] 1723; Debate thereon
New Code of Regulations . *P.P.* [4646]

Public Education (Scotland)
Departmental Statement of the Right Hon. The Lord Advocate (Mr. J. B. Balfour) *June* 17, [306] 1749; Debate thereon
New Code of Regulations . *P.P.* [4647]
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Public Health
M. Pasteur's Treatment of Hydrophobia, Questions, Sir Henry Roscoe, Dr. Cameron; Answers, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. J. Chamberlain) *Mar* 11, [303] 435
Removal of Small-Pox Prisoners, Questions, Mr. Stanley Leighton; Answers, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *May* 11, [305] 759
Small-Pox at Wooburn, Bucks, Question, Mr. Lawson; Answer, The Secretary to the Local Government Board (Mr. Borlase) *May* 18, [305] 1285

Public Health Act, 1875—Removal of Dead Bodies
Question, Mr. J. E. Johnson-Ferguson; Answer, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. J. Chamberlain) *Feb* 23, [302] 1034 [See title *Metropolis*]

Public Health Acts (Improvement Expenses) Bill (*Mr. Dodds, Sir Edward Reed, Mr. Arnold Morley, Mr. William Cook, Mr. Bullard*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 7]
Read 2°, after debate *Mar* 10, [303] 367
Committee; Report *Mar* 29, [304] 219
Order for Committee (*on re-comm.*) read *May* 18, [305] 1411
Moved, "That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power to amend section 156 of 'The Public Health Act, 1875,' by extending its provisions to the erection of buildings in streets" (*Captain Cotton*); Motion agreed to
Moved, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" (*Mr. William Cook*); Motion agreed to; Committee—R.P. [Bill 153]
Committee (*on re comm.*); Report *May* 25, [306] 126
Considered; read 3° *June* 3, 973 [Bill 230]
l. Read 1ª * (*Earl of Jersey*) *June* 4 (No. 143)
Read 2ª, after short debate *June* 21, [307] 25
Committee *June* 22, 168; Bill withdrawn

Public Health (Scotland) Provisional Order (Urray Water) Bill (*The Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland*)
c. Ordered; read 1°,* and referred to the Examiners *June* 11 [Bill 279]

Public Libraries, Parliamentary Papers for
Question, Mr. Kenrick; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 4, [302] 1881

Public Meetings
Extra-Parliamentary Speeches
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Public Meetings—Extra-Parliamentary Speeches—cont.

Speech of Mr. Thomas Hughes at Chester, Questions, Mr. Johns, Mr. T. P. O'Connor; Answers, The Attorney General (Mr. Charles Russell) *Feb* 23, [302] 1018

Speech of Mr. John Morley at Chelmsford, Questions, Baron Henry de Worms, Mr. T. P. O'Connor; Answers, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *Feb* 22, [302] 901 [See *Army*]

Public Offices—The New Admiralty and War Office

Question, Mr. W. H. Smith; Answer, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt) *April* 1, [304] 449; Questions, Mr. T. Blake; Answers, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *April* 13, 1428; *April* 15, 1627; Question, Viscount Sidmouth; Answer, The First Commissioner of Works (The Earl of Elgin) *May* 21, [305] 1638

The Plans for Re-arrangement, Question, Mr. Story-Maskelyne; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 8, [303] 113

Public Offices—Admiralty and War Office

Select Committee appointed, "to reconsider the plans and proposals for an Admiralty and a War Office:"—That it be an Instruction to the Committee to report whether some or all of the existing buildings of the Admiralty may not with advantage be retained (*Mr. William Henry Smith*) *April* 2

Public Offices (Sites)

Moved to resolve "That, in the opinion of this House, no further steps either of demolition or construction ought to be taken under the Public Offices Site Act before Her Majesty's Government have heard the deputation from the Institute of Architects, arranged to take place on the 1st of March next" (*The Lord Stratheden and Campbell*) *Feb* 25, [302] 1170; after short debate, Motion withdrawn

Observations, Mr. Beresford Hope; Reply, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt) *Mar* 4, 1999

Public Parks and Recreation Grounds—Public Park at Dulwich

Question, Mr. Baumann; Answer, The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Sir James M'Garel-Hogg) *Mar* 4, [302] 1905

Public Parks and Works (Metropolis) Bill (*Mr. Henry H. Fowler, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Leveson Gower*)

c. Ordered * *May* 20
Read 1° * *May* 21 [Bill 227]
Question, Mr. Howard Spensley; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *June* 7, [306] 1137
Bill withdrawn * *June* 10

Public Works Loans Bill
(*Mr. Courtney, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Henry H. Fowler*)

c. Resolutions in Committee *June* 11, [306] 1625
Resolutions reported; Bill ordered; read 1° * *June* 16 [Bill 288]
Read 2° * *June* 17
Committee *; Report *June* 18
Read 3° * *June* 21
l. Read 1ª * (*E. of Kimberley*) *June* 21 (No. 188)
Read 2ª *; Committee negatived *June* 22
Read 3ª * *June* 23
Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 45]

Public Works Loans (Tramways Ireland) Bill (*Mr. Henry H. Fowler, Mr. John Morley*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *June* 4 [Bill 259]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *June* 11, [306] 1567
Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day three months" (*Mr. Biggar*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" after short debate, Amendt. withdrawn; main Question put, and agreed to; Bill read 2°
Committee; Report *June* 16, 1635
Considered * *June* 17
Read 3°, after short debate *June* 18, 1864
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord President*) *June* 19 (No. 182)
Read 2ª * *June* 21
Committee *; Report *June* 22
Read 3ª * *June* 23
Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 46]

PULESTON, **Mr. J. H.**, *Devonport*

Africa (Central)—Murder of Bishop Hannington, [303] 1489
Church of England in Wales, Res. [303] 365, 366
Civil Service—Grievances of the Writers, [304] 432; [307] 65, 69
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Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment, Consid. *add. cl.* [303] 1915, 1914, 1947
Medical Acts Amendment, Comm. *add. cl.* [306] 1432
Metropolis, Disturbances in the—Action of the Home Department, Explanation, [302] 606
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    New Works, Buildings, &c. [306] 1423, 1424
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Puleston, Mr. J. H.—*cont.*
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Pulley, Mr. J., *Hereford*
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Pyne, Mr. J. D., *Waterford, W.*
Arms (Ireland), Comm. *cl.* 2, [306] 278 ; *add. cl.* 282
Excise—Home-Grown Tobacco, [303] 115
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Parliament—Palace of Westminster—House of Commons—Accommodation for Members, [303] 13 ;—Safety Matches in Smoking Room, [304] 1165

Quarry Fencing Bill (*Mr. Thomas Blake, Mr. Conybeare, Mr. Burt, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Abraham (Glamorgan, Rhondda)*)
c. Ordered ; read 1° * *April* 14 [Bill 185]
Bill withdrawn, after short debate *May* 5, [305] 347

Quarries Regulation Bill
(*Mr. Secretary Childers, Mr. Broadhurst*)
c. Ordered ; read 1° * *June* 1 [Bill 250]
Bill withdrawn * *June* 10

Quarter Sessions (Boroughs) Bill
(*Mr. Powell Williams, Mr. John Bright, Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Mr. Houldsworth*)
c. Ordered ; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 37]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *Mar* 31, [304] 375 ; after debate, Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day six months" (*Mr. Hanbury*) ; Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c. ;" Amendt. withdrawn ; Motion withdrawn ; Bill withdrawn

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Railway and Canal Companies—Statistical Returns
Question, Mr. Hanbury ; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *Mar* 15, [303] 811

Railway and Canal Traffic Bill
(*Mr. Mundella, Mr. Acland, Mr. Attorney General*)
c. Motion for Leave (*Mr. Henry H. Fowler*) *Mar* 8, [303] 219 ; Debate adjourned
Debate resumed *Mar* 11, 553 ; after debate, Question put, and agreed to ; Bill ordered ; read 1° * [Bill 138]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *May* 6, [305] 380
Amendt. to leave out from "That," add "while this House desires legislation with the object of securing uniformity of classification for merchandise conveyed by Railway, the consolidation of the toll powers of Railway Companies, and such other modifications of the existing law as experience has shown to be useful and necessary, including the establishment of a strong and permanent Court with special powers over Railways and Canals, it is not prepared to sanction any compulsory interference with or diminution of those powers of earning revenue granted by Parliament to Railway Companies upon the faith of which eight hundred millions of capital have been expended, and upon which the security of that capital depends" (*Mr. Joseph Bolton*) *v.* ; Question proposed, "That the words, &c. ;" after long debate, Amendt. withdrawn
Main Question put, and agreed to ; Bill read 2°
Bill withdrawn * *June* 10

Railway and Canal Traffic Bill
Question, Sir Joseph Pease ; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *Mar* 22, [303] 1505
Control of Canals, Question, Mr. Herbert Gardner ; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *May* 7, [305] 529

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Railway and Canal Traffic [*Expenses, &c.*]
c. Res. considered in Committee, and agreed to *May* 11, [305] 828
Res. reported *May* 12

Railway Regulation Bill (*Mr. Channing, Mr. Joseph Leicester, Mr. John Wilson* (*Durham*), *Mr. C. S. Parker, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Lawson*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Feb* 19 [Bill 97]
Read 2°, and committed to a Select Committee, after debate *May* 19, [305] 1440
And, on *June* 1, Committee nominated as follows:—Mr. Charles Acland, Mr. Barry, Mr. Biggar, Mr. J. C. Bolton, Mr. Channing, Mr. William Cook, Baron Henry De Worms, Mr. Kimber, Mr. Llewellyn, Mr. Maitland, Colonel Makins, Sir Joseph Pease, Mr. Plunket, Sir George Russell, Mr. Seely, and Mr. John Wilson
June 4, Mr. Seely *disch.*; Mr. W. Lawrence, Mr. Hugh Reid, Mr. Pickard *added*

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Allotments to Servants, Question, Observations, The Marquess of Huntly; Reply, The Lord President of the Council (Earl Spencer) *Mar* 9, [303] 232
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Railway Rates—Legislation, Questions, Mr. Macdonald Cameron, Dr. Cameron, Mr. T. P. O'Connor; Answers, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *Feb* 22, [302] 897
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RAMSAY, Mr. J., *Falkirk, &c.*
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Rates (Dublin) Bill (*Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Edmond Dwyer Gray, Mr. Mayne, Mr. Henry Gill, Mr. Timothy Harrington*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 21]
Bill withdrawn * *June* 10

RATHBONE, Mr. W., *Carnarvonshire, Arfon*
Government of Ireland, 2R. [305] 1729
Local Taxation (Incidence), Res. [303] 1660
Medical Acts Amendment, Comm. *cl.* 7, [306] 602
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Real Assets Administration Bill (*Mr. Arthur O'Connor, Mr. M'Laren, Mr. Molloy*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Feb* 22 [Bill 109]
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REDMOND, Mr. W. H. K., *Fermanagh, N.*
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Supply—New Harbour at Dover, [303] 550, 551
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Registration of Births, Marriages, &c.—6 & 7 Will. IV. c. 85, s. 17—Registrar of Marriages at Conway
Question, Mr. Kenyon; Answer, The Secretary to the Local Government Board (Mr. Jesse Collings) *Mar* 25, [303] 1788

Registration of Voters
Expenses of the Franchise, Questions, Mr. Leahy, Mr. P. J. O'Brien, Mr. P. M'Donald; Answers, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *May* 24, [305] 1835
The Parliamentary Register for St. Pancras, Eastern Division—The Vestry Clerk, Questions, Mr. Baggallay; Answers, The Secretary to the Local Government Board (Mr. Jesse Collings) *Mar* 25, [303] 1783; Questions, Mr. Baggallay; Answers, The President of the Local Government Board (Mr. Stansfeld) *April* 12, [304] 1300; *April* 19, [305] 7

Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill
(*Mr. Dillon, Mr. Maurice Healy, Mr. Chance, Mr. Timothy Healy, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Small*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 13]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *June* 2, [306] 784
Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day six months" (*Mr. Lewis*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" after debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Colonel King-Harman*); after further short debate, Question put; A. 133, N. 249; M. 116 (D. L. 115)
Question again proposed, "That 'now,' &c." 816; after short debate, Moved, "That this House do now adjourn" (*Sir James Corry*); Question put; A. 98, N. 201; M. 103 (D. L. 116); Debate adjourned
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REID, Mr. H. G., *Aston Manor*
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Religious Bodies—Revenues and Endowments
Questions, Mr. Morgan Howard, Mr. Picton; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *April* 15, [304] 1629

Religious Prosecutions Abolition Bill
(*Mr. Courtney Kenny, Mr. Coleridge, Mr. Crossley, Mr. Illingworth*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 31 [Bill 160]
2R. [Dropped]

Removal Terms (Burghs) (Scotland) Act (1881) Amendment Bill
(*Mr. Edmund Robertson, Mr. J. W. Barclay, Mr. Eugene Wason*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Feb* 22 [Bill 105]
Bill withdrawn * *May* 3

Rendel, Mr. S., *Montgomeryshire*
Church of England in Wales, Res. [303] 339

Representation of the People Act, 1884—*Requisition Forms—The Rate Collectors of Mountmellick Union*
Questions, Mr. Arthur O'Connor; Answers, The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. John Morley) *May* 20, [305] 1520

Representation of the People Act (1884) Extension Bill
(*Sir Robert Fowler, Mr. Lionel Cohen, Mr. Hunt, Sir Roper Lethbridge*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 25]
2R., after short debate, Debate adjourned *May* 5, [305] 341
Adjourned Debate on 2R. [Dropped]

Returning Officers' Charges (Scotland) Bill (*The Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *April* 15 [Bill 188]
Read 2°, after debate *May* 3, [305] 263
Committee *—R.P. *May* 12
Committee; Report *June* 11, [306] 1555
Considered *June* 16, 1636 [Bill 281]
Amendts. made; Moved, "That the Bill be re-committed in respect of a New Clause" (*Mr. Esslemont*); after short debate, Question put; A. 91, N. 35; M. 56 (D. L. 131)
Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power to provide for the payment of Returning Officers out of the rates; Committee; Report; Considered
Re-comm *; Committee; Report; Considered; read 3° *June* 17
l. Read 1ª * (*E. Dalhousie*) *June* 18 (No. 173)
Read 2ª * *June* 21
Committee * *June* 22 (No. 195)
Report *; read 3ª *June* 23
c. Lords' Amendts. considered, and agreed to, after short debate *June* 24, [307] 267
l. Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 58]

Revenue and Expenditure—"The Spending Departments"
Question, Mr. Rylands; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *April* 5, [304] 754

Revising Barristers Appointment Bill
(*Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Secretary Childers*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 31 [Bill 245]
Read 2° * *June* 17
Committee; Report; Considered; read 3° *June* 18, [306] 1861

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Revising Barristers Appointment Bill—cont.
l. Read 1ª * (*L. Chancellor*) *June* 19 (No. 179)
Read 2ª * *June* 21
Committee *; Report *June* 22
Read 3ª * *June* 23
Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 42]

Revising Barristers [*Remuneration and Expenses*]
c. Res. considered in Committee, and agreed to *June* 17, [306] 1825
Res. reported *June* 18

Revising Barristers (Ireland) Bill
(*Mr. John Morley, Mr. Henry H. Fowler*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *June* 11 [Bill 283]
Read 2° * *June* 16
Committee; Report; read 3° *June* 18, [306] 1862
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord President*) *June* 19 (No. 180)
Read 2ª * *June* 21
Committee *; Report *June* 22
Read 3ª * *June* 23
Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 43]

Revising Barristers (Ireland) [*Remuneration*]
c. Res. considered in Committee, and agreed to *June* 17, [306] 1825
Res. reported *June* 18

Reynolds, Mr. W. J., *Tyrone, E.*
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Church of England in Wales, Res. [303] 310
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Conveyancing (Scotland) Acts Amendment, 1R. [306] 1679
Copyhold Enfranchisement, Res. [306] 994
Crofters (Scotland) (No. 2), Comm. *cl.* 1, [306] 156, 159, 162, 163; *cl.* 2, 165, 166; *cl.* 6, Amendt. 170; *cl.* 13, Amendt. 175; *cl.* 17, 179; *cl.* 20, 180; *cl.* 21, 181; *cl.* 33, Amendt. 183, 184; Report, *cl.* 17, Amendt. 447
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Rigby, Mr. J., *Cambridgeshire, Wisbech*
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River Suck Drainage Bill
c. Moved, "That, in the case of the River Suck Drainage Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, 223, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration" (*Sir Charles Forster*) *June* 21, [307] 35
Moved, "That the consideration of the Bill be postponed until To-morrow" (*Mr. Sexton*); after short debate, Motion withdrawn; Bill considered
Moved, "That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read 3°" (*Sir Charles Forster*); after further short debate, Motion agreed to; Bill read 3°

River Thames, Pollution of the—Report of the Royal Commission
Questions, Mr. Thorold Rogers; Answers, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Feb* 25, [302] 1220

Rivers Pollution (*River Lea*)
Moved, "That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the condition of the River Lea, and to make such recommendations as may appear necessary" (*Mr. Attorney General*) *Feb* 25, [302] 1342; after short debate, Motion agreed to
And, on *Mar* 4, Committee nominated as follows:—Mr. Attorney General (Chairman), Mr. Abraham (Limerick Co., W.), Mr. Sclater-Booth, Mr. Rider Cook, Sir Guyer Hunter, Sir Lewis Pelly, Mr. Pickersgill, and Sir Henry Roscoe Report *P.P.* 207

Rivers Pollution Prevention Act (1876) Amendment Bill [H.L.]
(*The Lord Balfour*)
l. Presented; read 1ª * *May* 17 (No. 114)
2R. discharged * *June* 1

Rivers Purification Bill
(*Mr. Hastings, Sir Edward Birkbeck, Lord Charles Beresford, Sir W. Guyer Hunter, General Sir William Crossman, Colonel Sandys*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Feb* 22 [Bill 101]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *Mar* 16, [303] 1049
Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day six months" (*Sir Henry Roscoe*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" after short debate, Question put, and negatived; words added
Main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to; 2R. put off for six months

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Robertson, Mr. E., *Dundee*
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Robertson, Mr. H., *Merioneth*
- Felixstowe Railway and Dock, 2R. [303] 432
- Railway Regulation, 2R. [305] 1455

Robertson, Mr. J. P. B., *Bute*
- Church of Scotland, 2R. [303] 1126
- Conveyancing (Scotland) Act (1874) Amendment, 2R. [305] 1408
- 303] Crofters (Scotland) (No. 2), 2R. 188, 190
- 304] Comm. *cl.* 1, 458; *cl.* 3, 491, 496; *cl.* 6, Amendt. 500, 504, 528, 539, 549, 809, 819; *cl.* 8, 828, 829, 834; *cl.* 10, 839, 843; *cl.* 12, Amendt. 922, 924, 925, 936, 947; *cl.* 13, 1739
- 305] *cl.* 16, 41; *cl.* 29, 91, 92, 93, 113; Amendt. 114, 116, 117; Consid. *cl.* 33, 477
- Fettes Scheme, Motion for an Address, [304] 226
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- Supply—Courts of Law and Justice in Scotland, &c. [302] 784
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Robinson, Mr. T., *Gloucester*
- Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers' Expenses) (Ireland), 2R. [305] 837
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Rogers, Mr. J. E. Thorold, *Southwark, Bermondsey*
- Belfast Main Drainage, Res. [302] 1703
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(*Mr. Borlase, Sir John St. Aubyn, Mr. Courtney, Mr. C. T. Dyke Acland, Mr. Conybeare, Mr. Bickford Smith, Mr. David Jenkins*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 25 [Bill 88]
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Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday (Durham) Bill (*Mr. Theodore Fry, Mr. Walter James, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Gourley, Mr. Paulton*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 74]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *Mar* 24, [303] 1750
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l. Read 1ª * (*The Lord Bishop of Durham*) *April* 6 (No. 59)
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª" *May* 11, [305] 703
Amendt. to leave out ("now") add ("this day six months") (*The Lord Bramwell*); after debate, on Question, That ("now,") &c.? Cont. 47, Not-Cont. 41; M. 6; resolved in the affirmative; Div. List, Cont. and Not-Cont. 720; Bill read 2ª
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Moved, "That the Bill be now read 3ª" *May* 25, [306] 5
Amendt. to leave out ("now,") add ("this day six months") (*The Earl of Wemyss*); after debate, on Question, that ("now,") &c.? Cont. 70, Not-Cont. 97; M. 27; resolved in the negative; Div. List, Cont. and Not-Cont. 22; Bill to be read 3ª on this day six months

Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday (Durham) Bill (Petitions)
Moved, "That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the validity of all petitions presented to this House for or against the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday (Durham) Bill, and of the signatures attached thereto, with a view to ascertaining how far such signatures are or are not genuine" (*The Earl of Wemyss*) *May* 18, [305] 1273; after short debate, Motion agreed to; Committee appointed accordingly

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Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª" *May* 11, [305] 692
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(*Mr. Hooper, Mr. Timothy Healy, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Lane, Colonel Nolan, Mr. Leamy*)
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c. Ordered; read 1° * *April* 8 [Bill 170]
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c. Ordered; read 1° * *Feb* 24 [Bill 114]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *Mar* 23, [303] 1721; Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Joseph Chamberlain*); after short debate, Motion withdrawn; original Question put; Bill read 2°
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Moved, "That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty praying Her Majesty to withhold Her consent to the Scheme of the Educational Endowments (Scotland) Commission now lying upon the Table of the House for the management of the Fettes Endowments, Edinburgh" (*Mr. John Wilson, Edinburgh*) *Mar* 29, [304] 219; after debate, Question put; A. 61, N. 82; M. 21 (D. L. 51)

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c. Ordered; read 1°* *Jan* 22 [Bill 56]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°"
302] *Feb* 18, 679; after short debate, Motion agreed to; Bill read 2°
Moved, "That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee;" Motion agreed to
Moved, "That this House do now adjourn" (*Mr. Beresford Hope*); after short debate, Question put; A. 137, N. 142; M. 5 (D.L. 5)

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Shop Hours Regulation Bill—cont.
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Order for Committee (*on re-comm.*) read; Moved, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave
306] the Chair" *June* 17, 1785
Amendt. to leave out from "That," add "this House will, upon this day three months, resolve itself into the said Committee" (*Mr. Cavendish Bentinck*) *v.*; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after debate, Question put; A. 61, N. 23; M. 38 (D. L. 135); Committee; Report [Bill 216]
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  (*Mr. Jordon, Colonel Nolan, Mr. Chance, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Flynn*)
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Solicitors' Annual Certificate Duty Bill
  (*Mr. O'Hea, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Dwyer Gray, Mr. Arthur O'Connor, Mr. Sexton*)
c. Ordered; read 1°* *Mar* 8 [Bill 133]

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South Atlantic, Islands of the—The Island of Tristan D'Acunha
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SPEAKER, The (Right Hon. ARTHUR WELLESLEY PEEL), *Warwick and Leamington*
The right hon. Arthur Wellesley Peel unanimously called to the Chair of the House as Speaker. Mr. Peel thanks the Members of the House for the great honour they have done him, and places himself entirely at their disposal *Jan* 12, [302] 11, 13, 19
Mr. Speaker reports that Her Majesty, by Her Royal Commission, had been pleased t approve the choice of himself to be their Speaker—and then took the Oath *Jan* 13, [302] 21

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Sir Thomas Erskine May, K.C.B., Clerk of this House. Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received a letter from Sir Erskine May, resigning his appointment of Clerk of this House, and reads it to the House. Mr. Speaker expresses to the House his high appreciation of the services and character of the right hon. Gentleman, [304] 1631, 1778

PRIVILEGE

Parliamentary Oath (Mr. Bradlaugh)—Mr. Speaker reads letters from Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Mr. Cecil Raikes, and Sir John Kennaway, protesting against the admission of Mr. Charles Bradlaugh, returned for the borough of Northampton, to take the Oath, [302] 21, 24

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Attendance and Places of Members

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MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS—ORDERS OF THE DAY

Precedence of Government Orders

Mr. Raikes—Do I understand you to rule, Sir, that it is competent to the Government to give precedence to any Bill they prefer over Bills of other private Members?—Mr. Speaker—Yes; on the days on which the Government have the disposal of the Business, that is so, [303] 1374

Orders of the Day—*Parliamentary Franchise Bill*—Mr. Everett said that as he did not see the hon. Gentleman who had charge of the Bill (Mr. Moulton), or any of the Members whose names appeared on the back of the Bill, in their places, he begged to move the second reading.—Sir Joseph Pease asked if it was competent for the hon. Gentleman to move the second reading of the Bill?—Mr. Speaker said that the hon. Gentleman was perfectly in Order. The Bill was the property of the House, and any hon. Gentleman was at liberty to move it, [305] 353

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MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

Bills dealing with the same subject—*Police Forces (Removal of Disabilities) Bill*—Mr. Tottenham moved for leave to bring in a Bill on this subject, confined to Great Britain, and Mr. King-Harman had given Notice of a similar Bill relating to Ireland—another Bill of the same nature relating to the two countries had already been brought in and rejected—objected that this Motion was against the Rule of the House.—Mr. Speaker: There is no objection to the Motion of the hon. Member on the ground of Order. The Bill to which the hon. Member refers (*Police Forces Enfranchisement Bill*) was not rejected on the Motion that it be referred to any Committee; the Bill was postponed to a very distant day. It is a matter for the discretion of the House whether there should be more than one Bill before the House dealing with the same subject, [305] 1631

Orders of the Day

Alteration of date—*Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill*—Sir Joseph Pease, being asked on what day he would take the Committee on this Bill again, answered on Friday, the 7th May. By error this was put down in the Votes Friday, the 7th June. There was no Friday, June 7; but the Clerks, in revising the Order Book, placed it under Friday, June 4. Sir Joseph Pease asked Mr. Speaker whether he could not, by an exercise of his authority, alter the date as previously mentioned?—Mr. Speaker said it would not be within his duty to alter the date, [305] 379

Unopposed Returns—Mr. Speaker: I understand this Return has received the consent of the Government, and is unopposed. It is, therefore, quite competent for one hon. Member to move for it, as an unopposed Return, on behalf of another hon. Member, [304] 261

AMENDMENTS TO QUESTIONS

Mr. Raikes: I apprehend, Sir, that if the House, in order to avoid having two more divisions, consents to allow the words of the hon. Member for Northumberland (Mr. A. Grey) to be added to the Main Question without a division, it will then be possible to take a division on the Main Question as amended.—Mr. Speaker: The right hon. Gentleman has correctly interpreted the situation. The House should allow the words proposed to be added to be inserted, and then vote upon the whole as a substantive Motion, [303] 364

RULES OF DEBATE

Order in Debate

Relevancy

I must call the hon. Member (Sir Henry Tyler) to Order. He must confine his observations to the point of Order which he was raising, and must not make any comments, [306] 507

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We are not discussing the second Instruction at all, but the first. The question of interpretation is one for the House, [302] 1704, 1733, 1734

I must point out to the hon. Member (Mr. Dillon) that he would not be in Order in discussing the Irish Question on the Motion for postponing for this day of the Notices of Motion, [302] 433, 435

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Gentleman (Mr. Clancy) is not confining his remarks to the subject before the House.—Mr. Clancy: I was trying to show, Mr. Speaker—— Mr. Speaker: The hon. Gentleman is entirely out of Order in the course he is taking.—Mr. Clancy: Of course, I bow to your ruling, Sir; but I was expressing surprise—— Mr. Speaker: I have told the hon. Gentleman that he is out of Order. I expect he will obey my ruling, [303] 1723

Mr. Speaker: I must point out to the hon. Member (Mr. Joseph Nolan) that . . . . . he is not now discussing the second reading of the Bill, which is the Question before the House, but is indulging in personal recriminations, which have nothing whatever to do with the Bill now before the House, [302] 1836

  Relevancy, [302] 1432

Reference to a Past Debate—It would not be in Order for the right hon. Gentleman to refer to a past debate in this Session which was not upon the present Bill, [306] 92

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Reading a Speech—It is an undoubted Rule of this House, and has repeatedly been acted upon, that a Member is not entitled to read his speech, though he may refer to his notes, [303] 1108

Reading Extracts from Newspapers—The hon. Gentleman (Mr. Heaton) is only reading extracts from a newspaper. The reading of such extracts is not asking a Question of a Minister, [302] 422

Reference to a Bill—Inasmuch as the Motion proposes to postpone the Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day on Tuesdays and Fridays, and as there is reason to suppose that the Arms (Ireland) Bill will be among the Orders of the Day on those days, the hon. Member is in Order in referring to that Bill, [305] 1290, 1291, 1292

Speaking a Second Time—Mr. J. G. Talbot rose— Mr. Speaker: I must remind the hon. Gentleman that he has already spoken.—Mr. J. G. Talbot: I was about to second the Motion for the Adjournment of the Debate.—Mr. Speaker: It is not competent for the hon. Gentleman to second that Motion, [305] 478, 521

  The hon. Member (Mr. T. H. Bolton) is not in Order in speaking again, inasmuch as he seconded the Amendment, [302] 1510

  It is a well-understood Rule that if an hon. Member seconds a Motion by simply raising his hat he is not precluded from subsequently taking a part in the debate, [304] 130

  Mr. Speaker: The right hon. Gentleman (Sir Robert Peel) is not entitled to make a second speech. Only the Minister in

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Speaker, The—*cont.*

charge of the Bill has a right of speaking again.—Sir Robert Peel: Three times.—Mr. Speaker: The Minister in charge of a Bill certainly has the right of making an explanation in regard to his Bill when it is necessary, [302] 2012

The Previous Question—Mr. Speaker: I do not think the debate can be strictly confined, on the Previous Question being moved, to the facts relating to whether the Question shall, or shall not, be put, [302] 169

It is irregular to discuss the Main Question upon a Motion for the Adjournment of the Debate, [302] 701, 1001, 1002, 1099, 1102, 1103

The *Arms (Ireland) Bill*—The hon. Member (Mr. Lewis) is going into the merits of the case, and defending the merits of the Arms Bill. That should be reserved for the debate on the Bill, [305] 1290, 1291, 1292, 1293, 1294

Motions and Questions—It will not be in Order to go into the details of a measure not now before the House; but a casual reference to it would be in Order, [305] 1016

Adjournment of a Debate—Mr. Gladstone: I should like to ask you, Sir, if a Motion is made for the adjournment of the debate, and if no other Motion be made, what would be the effect on the debate relating to the Answer to the Speech from the Throne?—Mr. Speaker said, it would be necessary to name a day to which the debate would be adjourned, and that course could be taken day by day, [302] 430, 431

On Motion "That the *Contagious Diseases Acts Repeal* (*No.* 2) *Bill* be now read a second time," Mr. Cavendish Bentinck complained of the course pursued by the Government. — Mr. Speaker said: I must inform the right hon. Gentleman that if he speaks now at any length he exhausts his right to speak on the Main Question: — The course taken is perfectly plain. The Motion was made that the Bill be read a second time. The right hon. Gentleman, by speaking now, has exhausted his right to speak, unless he continues his speech on the Motion that the Bill be now read a second time, [303] 1908, 1909

Right of Reply—Mr. Crompton moved "That the *Marriages* (*Attendance of Registrars*) *Bill* be now read a second time."—Colonel Nolan said that, under the circumstances, the hon. Gentleman would do well to withdraw the Bill.—Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. Gentleman withdraw the Bill. . . . . . The hon. Gentleman has no right of reply. Does he propose to withdraw the Bill?—Mr. Crompton: Yes, Sir. Order discharged; Bill withdrawn, [304] 210

Premature Motions

Colonel Makins asked if the hon. Member (Mr. Jacks), who had named a future day for the second reading of the Bill (*Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill*), was in Order now in proceeding with his Motion?—Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member having named a future day for the second reading

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of the Bill cannot move that it now be read a second time, [303] 1769

Questions

The Chief Secretary: I shall ask the hon. Member to repeat the Question in two or three days.—Mr. Maurice Healy: I shall repeat it in the original form.—Mr. Speaker: I must remind the hon. Member that the Question to which he refers, in its original form as put at the Table, was out of Order, and I disallowed it, [302] 1543

Argumentative Questions

Mr. Speaker explains the Rules and practice of the House in regard to argumentative Questions, [302] 1190

The hon. Member (Mr. W. O'Brien) is now, in the form of a Question, making a counter-statement of considerable length, and it is impossible that a Minister can answer a Question so asked, [305] 1036

Irregularity of Questions

Mr. Hooper: I wish to ask a Question which is expunged from the Question which appeared on the Paper, which I humbly consider I am entitled to put. I wish to ask —— Mr. Speaker: Order! Order! The hon. Member is not entitled to put that Question, [305] 756

Questions to Private Members

I am very sorry to be obliged to point out to the right hon. Baronet (Sir R. Peel) that under the Rules of the House he is not entitled to put a Question to an hon. Member who is not in an official position, [303] 1213

Amendments on Motions

Sir Joseph Pease: I wish to know, Sir, whether it is in Order to amend the Motion now before the House?—Mr. Speaker: The hon. Baronet can only move an addition.—Mr. O'Kelly: I want to know whether the words proposed to be added by the hon. Baronet are not really part of the Question which has already been decided by the House?—Mr. Speaker: These words have been already negatived. . . . . I have again expressly to say that words cannot be added to the original proposition which has been by Parliamentary construction directly negatived, [303] 1707, 1708, 1709

Notices of Questions

Mr. De Cobain, who had a Notice of a Question to be put to the Chief Secretary, intimated his intention of not putting it.—Mr. Speaker thereon called on Mr. W. H. Smith, whose name stood next.—Mr. T. M. Healy rose to Order. He had received a communication on the subject of the Question of the hon. Member (Mr. De Cobain). I am informed that it contains serious charges against individuals that are altogether unfounded.—Mr. Speaker: The Question to which the hon. Member refers has been passed over, and is not now before the House, [304] 437, 438

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Afterwards, when the Notices had been gone through, Mr. Healy was allowed to put the same Question.—Mr. Speaker said: It is a Rule of this House that it is not competent for one hon. Member to put a Question which appears in the name of another hon. Member, and which that hon. Member wishes to withdraw. But I think there is great force in the protest which the hon. Member (Mr. Healy) has made; and that Questions which reflect upon the character of individuals ought not to be allowed to remain on the Paper a moment longer than is necessary. Therefore, if the Chief Secretary for Ireland chooses to reply to the Question, I shall make no objection to its being put, 439

Mr. Speaker: As I read the Amendment upon the Paper, it refers to Notices of Questions intended to be answered at Question time on a future day; and according to the strict interpretation of the Resolution, no oral Question could be put without Notice at Question time unless with the consent of the Speaker, [303] 710

Mr. W. Redmond: I wish to ask if the hon. Gentleman (Mr. Macfarlane) is in Order, after the Resolution which was passed the other night, in putting a Question of which he has not given Notice?—Mr. Speaker: The hon. Gentleman is perfectly in Order in putting a Question in reference to the Business of the House, [303] 1643

Mr. W. Redmond having risen to put a Question—— Mr. Speaker, interposing, said: I must point out that the Question of the hon. Member comes within the new Rule requiring that Notice of Questions should be given beforehand to the Clerk at the Table.—Mr. Redmond persevering, Mr. Speaker again refused to allow the Question to be put: And in answer to Mr. Sexton said: Supplementary Questions purely seeking for the elucidation of former answers are in Order; but supplementary Questions which it cannot be in the power of a Minister to answer at the moment I regard as belonging to those of which Notice should be given, [303] 1503, 1504

Argumentative Questions

Mr. Speaker: There is no Question immediately before the House. The noble Marquess (the Marquess of Hartington) is entitled to ask a Question as to the course of important Business; but not to go into any argument, [305] 1664

Irregularity of a Question — This is not a Question which arises fairly out of the Question on the Paper, nor do I think it ought to be answered, [305] 900, 1043

Answers to Questions—The right hon. Gentleman (Sir William Harcourt) has been asked a Question, and by the Rules of the House he is entitled to answer it, [306] 1612

Mr. W. O'Brien: It is false; recall that statement.—Mr. Harrington: You know well that it is false.—Mr. Speaker: I must ask the hon. Member for South Tyrone not to interrupt the hon. and gallant Gentleman (Major Saunderson). If the hon. Member, or any

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other hon. Member, continues this interruption it will be my duty to take serious notice of it.—Mr. O'Brien: As a matter of Order, Sir, I will ask whether the hon. and gallant Gentleman is justified in stating here what he knows to be a falsehood?—Mr. Speaker: The expression which the hon. Gentleman has just used is quite un-Parliamentary, and must be withdrawn. . . . . On the other hand, I must say that the imputations contained in the remarks of the hon. and gallant Member are very irritating. I must call on the hon. and gallant Member now in possession of the House, and also upon the hon. Member for South Tyrone, to withdraw the expressions they have used, [305] 1769, 1770

Offensive Words against Members

The hon. Gentleman is out of Order in applying the word "dishonest" to an hon. Member. The hon. Member must withdraw the expression "dishonest."—Mr. T. P. O'Connor: Certainly, Sir; but I think you did not hear what I said. What I did say was not applied to any hon. Member, but applied to the political tactics pursued.—Mr. Speaker: Dishonest tactics were attributed to an hon. Gentleman of this House, and that is an imputation of an improper motive. It is not a proper thing to accuse any Member of dishonest tactics, and I must call upon the hon. Member to withdraw the expression, [306] 350

Mr. Thorold Rogers: Of course you do not want to know, because you are bound to continue robbing them now, just as you robbed them before.—Mr. Speaker: The expression used by the hon. Gentleman is not a proper one, [305] 450

Un-Parliamentary Language

Mr. Speaker: Order! Order! I allowed the noble Lord (Lord Randolph Churchill) a certain latitude, because the noble Lord was meeting a charge made against him. The matter is for the judgment of the House; but I put it to the House whether there should be a continuance of these personal recriminations? [305] 1554

I do not think that the words "wilful waste of the time of the House" are a proper expression to use, [305] 522

Mr. Lewis: Well, I did not profess to make an exact quotation from the hon. Member's speech. I did not hope to do so, and have left off quoting from speeches of hon. Members below the Gangway, because I find they are always able to deny them.—Mr. Dillon: I beg to ask you, Mr. Speaker, whether that observation is in Order? I repeated accurately what I had said.—Mr. Speaker: The hon. Gentleman the Member for Londonderry, I am sure, will accept the disclaimer of the hon. Gentleman, [306] 789

Mr. T. P. O'Connor: I rejoice at the occasion which makes us adjourn. The Dictatorship of intrigue and incapacity is over —— Mr. Speaker: Order! Order!—Mr. T. M. Healy: On the Motion for the Adjournment of the House my hon. Friend is quite in Order——Mr. Speaker: Order! Hon. Members must obey the Chair when I call them to Order. The hon. Member was not using Parliamentary language, and that is why I called him to Order, [306] 1245

When he (Mr. Ritchie) regarded the extravagance of his language, and the effect which usually followed such extravagant language, he began to wonder whether the hon. Gentleman was himself a hired Tory agitator.—Mr. Speaker: The hon. Gentleman is now employing language which is hardly in accordance with the proper Order of Parliamentary debate, [302] 1409

Mr. W. Redmond: The hon. and gallant Member for North Armagh (Major Saunderson) said in his jocose and rather idiotic style ——Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member is not justified in applying such an expression to another hon. Member, and I therefore call upon him at once to withdraw it. . . . . The hon. Member must withdraw it unreservedly, [304] 374

Mr. Speaker: The language which the hon. Member (Mr. C. Lewis) has used is not Parliamentary. He has said that murder and assassination were done under the immediate superintendence, sanction, and direction of the hon. Member for Cork. That is not according to the Rules of the House, and I call upon the hon. Member to withdraw, [305] 1552

The words "dishonest and hypocritical" are not in Order as applied to an hon. Member, [305] 1583

Imputations on Members.—Mr. Healy: I wish to ask whether a Member is entitled to make a charge against another Member of taking a hired mob to a particular constituency during an Election, which would be an offence under the corrupt Practices Act, and would render that Member legally incapacitated from sitting in this House? — Mr. Speaker: There is nothing in the form of the words used to bring the hon. and gallant Member (Major Saunderson) under any remark from the Chair; but it is certainly a very grave charge to make against an hon. Member, especially in a case where, as I understand, there is a Petition pending, [302] 166

The hon. Member (Mr. W. Johnston) is not in Order in continuing to make reflections upon Members of this House, though in the form of quotations from a pamphlet, [304] 1230

Mr. Healy: This is the Party to which the hon., gallant, and truthful Member for North Armagh belonged.—Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member is now reflecting on a Member of this House in a manner which is un-Parliamentary, [302] 173

Imputation of Motives

Mr. Tomlinson: Is it right, Mr. Speaker, for an hon. Member to apply the term "manœuvring" to the action of another Member of the House?—Mr. Speaker: The word "manœuvring" is certainly not out of Order; but it would be out of Order to impute to an hon. Member any unfair motive, [305] 146

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Mr. Radcliffe Cooke : He hoped he had proved, by the analogy of these cases, that the hon. Gentleman did not want the House to pass this Resolution ; that he brought it forward with a deep meaning, and that he did not mind being thought contemptible and mean ——Mr. Speaker said, he hoped the hon. Member would not pursue that line of observation : he was not entitled to apply such language to another hon. Member of the House, [303] 43

Mr. Reynolds : The real object of his speech was to embarrass the Government, and to incite to outrage in the North of Ireland.—Mr. Speaker : The hon. Member is not entitled to impute motives of that kind to a Member of the House, [305] 1602

Mr. Chance asked if the hon. Member (Mr. Lewis) was in Order in stating that the Bill had been wilfully kept back ?—Mr. Speaker : If the hon. Member meant to attribute any improper motive, he would not be in Order ; but I did not quite so understand his meaning, [306] 815

Mr. T. M. Healy : Indeed, I cannot help thinking that the ratepayers of the city of Belfast are beginning to consider what advantage they have obtained for the 150,000 golden sovereigns they have expended in getting an independent verdict upon their private business from the wiseacres of this House, headed by the hon. Gentleman the Chairman of Ways and Means——Mr. Speaker : The hon. Gentleman is certainly not in Order in referring to any Member of this House, or to one in the position of the Chairman of Ways and Means, in a manner which is scarcely in accordance with Parliamentary decorum, [302] 1710

Reflections on a Member of the House of Lords—If the hon. Gentleman (Mr. Labouchere) reflects in disparaging terms on a Member of the other House of Parliament he is clearly out of Order, [302] 230

Mr. T. M. Healy : I think we are greatly indebted to you, Sir, for your ruling, and for having refused to permit yourself to be intimidated by such a suggestion from one in the position of the Chairman of Ways and Means . . . Mr. Speaker : What I intended to say, if I did not say it, was that there is no question of the Chair having been intimidated by any Member in any way, [302] 1705

Privilege—Words spoken not in this House—Mr. Dillon : The hon. Member for South Kensington is reported, when speaking at a banquet in Kent, on Saturday, to have used these words—" Mr. Labouchere and his beggarly crew was swelled by the addition of 86 Irish Members." I wish to know if it is in Order for an hon. Member to describe Members of this House as " Mr. Labouchere and his beggarly crew ? "—Mr. Speaker : The language complained of by the hon. Member was not uttered in this House ; and, therefore, I have no cognizance of it, and no jurisdiction, [303] 123

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PUBLIC BILLS

Printing of Bills—Mr. Johnston : I object to this Bill being read a second time. It is very necessary that it should be printed before we are asked to read it a second time.—Mr. Speaker : The objection taken by the hon. Member does not necessarily preclude the Bill being proceeded with. The matter is one for the determination of the House, [305] 1143

Amendments to Second Reading—Sir Henry Roscoe : I moved that the Bill be read a second time this day six months.—Lord Charles Beresford : I misunderstood the hon. Member. In that case, I will propose that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee.—Mr. Speaker : The noble Lord is not entitled to make that Motion until the Amendment before the House has been disposed of, [303] 1056

Instructions to Committees—Crofters (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill—Mr. M'Laren proposed to move " That it be an Instruction to the said Committee that they have power to extend the provisions of the Bill to other parts of Scotland."—Mr. Speaker : On looking at the Bill, I am clearly of opinion that an Instruction of the nature proposed to be moved for by the hon. Member would be distinctly necessary to empower the Committee to do what otherwise they would not be competent to do. . . . . I do not think, however, that it would be necessary for the House to give an Instruction to empower the Committee to include adjoining Highland counties in the Bill, [304] 110, 117

Sir, I presume that the passing of this Instruction does not bind the House to the principle contained in it ?—Mr. Speaker : It is only an Instruction to enable the Committee to deal with the clause of the Act of 1875, [305] 1412

Amendments to Clauses—Mr. Labouchere : The next clause upon the Paper was to have been moved by my hon. Colleague (Mr. Bradlaugh). . . . . I propose to leave out the first part of my clause, and to move——Mr. Speaker : The hon. Member will not be entitled to do that—he must move the clause in the name of the hon. Gentleman the Member for Northampton (Mr. Bradlaugh). . . . . . I must interrupt the hon. Gentleman. I understand him to move the second paragraph standing in his name.—Mr. Labouchere : Yes, Sir.—Mr. Speaker : That cannot be moved with the Speaker in the Chair. It can only be moved with the Speaker out of the Chair. It has reference to the Returning Officer's expenses, [306] 1461

Amendments in Committee—*Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers) Act (1875) Amendment Bill—Schedule* 2—Mr. Speaker : There would be nothing contrary to Order in moving the omission of the Schedule, because another Schedule might be brought up in substitution ; or if the Schedule was struck out consequential changes might be made in the portions of the Bill to which the hon. Member called attention, [306] 1670

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Mr. T. M. Healy asked, was the right hon. and learned Member (Sir Henry James) in Order in referring to the proceedings of a Committee which had not yet circulated its Report among Members?—Mr. Plunket said the Report had been circulated. — Mr. Speaker: The Report has been laid on the Table of the House, and therefore I apprehend the right hon. and learned Member would be in Order, [306] 1494

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New Clause—*Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers) Bill*—as amended, considered. Mr. M. Healy: I now beg to move an Amendment I have handed in.—Mr. Speaker: The clause the hon. Member has handed to me is a new clause, and could not be moved without Notice. I could not entertain it now—it cannot be entertained at this stage, [306] 1618, 1619

Instruction on Re-commitment – *Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers) &c. Bill* — Re-committed—Instruction to Committee —The proper form is, "that they have power to provide for the payment of the returning officer's expenses out of the rates," [306] 1606

Re-commitment—Moved, That the Bill (*Freshwater Fisheries Bill*) be re-committed, *pro formâ.*—Mr. Stuart-Wortley—on the Question of Order.—I suppose the House has not lost its control over the Amendments to this Bill by the proceeding which has just taken place?—Mr. Speaker: The Bill is in precisely the same position as it was when the House first went into Committee upon it, [306] 911

Jurors' Detention Bill—Considered, as amended —Third Reading—Preamble amended, and agreed to. Mr. Lockwood: I do not know whether the House will allow the Bill to be read a third time now.—Mr. Speaker: The third reading cannot be taken now, in consequence of the Amendment which has been introduced, [306] 781

Report—Third Reading—Bill—*Trees (Ireland) Bill*—Re-comm. in respect of New Clause—Moved to report Progress; after short debate, Motion withdrawn.—Mr. Gilhooly: Following the example of the Lord Advocate, I beg to move the third reading of the Bill. —Mr. Speaker: It must be reported before that step can be taken, [303] 1325

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Moved, "That the Order for the second reading of the *Compulsory Purchase of Land Compensation Bill* be discharged" — Mr. Speaker said, that such a Motion was unusual in the absence of the hon. Member having charge of the Bill, [303] 1771

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In reply to the Question of the hon. Member, I have to say that this is essentially a Public Bill, and therefore it will lapse entirely with the Prorogation. If it had been simply a Provisional Order Bill, it would necessarily partake of the nature of a Public Bill; but, in my judgment, it is something more than a Provisional Order Bill, and the character of its provisions is such that it is essentially a Public Bill, [307] 206

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Supply—Standing Order XXI. Mr. Sexton: May I ask whether the Motion which the hon. Member proposes to make is in Order? You have already left the Chair on the Civil Service Estimates, and I wish to know if it is competent for any hon. Member to make any further Motion?—Mr. Speaker: The Standing Order to which the hon. Gentleman refers (Standing Order XXI.) applies when the Estimates are taken on Monday or Thursday, and only on those days, [303] 97

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Supply—Navy Estimates — Standing Order XXI. Mr. A. O'Connor, having read the Standing Order, said: Sir, the question I wish to ask you is this, Whether, this evening, if the debate arising on the first Notice of Amendment should not be completed but should be adjourned, this Standing Order will preclude the resumption of the debate on a future day, or whether the debate will be continued on the next day on which the Navy Estimates are set down?—Mr. Speaker: The debate would be continued on the next day for which Supply is set down, [303] 826

Setting-up Supply—Mr. Speaker: The Order for Supply has already been passed over. The Order itself was defeated; and the Amendment of the hon. Member for Merthyr Tydvil (Mr. Richard) having been negatived, unless the Government chose to set up Supply again there is no power on the part of the House to revive it. The question that has arisen now has reference to the custom of setting up Supply after an Amendment has been negatived, and the Order of the Day has been suspended by the action of the House, [303] 1426, 1427, 1428

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STEWART, Mr. M. J., *Kirkcudbright*
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Stipendiary Magistrates (Pensions) Bill (*Mr. Hastings, Mr. Kenrick, Mr. Forwood, Mr. Wiggin*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 12 [Bill 212]
  Bill withdrawn * *May* 18
  Leave given to present another Bill instead thereof

Stipendiary Magistrates (Pensions) (No. 2) Bill (*Mr. Hastings, Mr. Kenrick, Mr. Forwood, Mr. Wiggin*)
c. Read 1° * *May* 18 [Bill 215]
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Storey, Mr. S., *Sunderland*
Belfast Main Drainage, Consid. *add. cl.* [306] 474
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Sugar Refiners, The—Deputation to the Board of Trade
Question, Mr. Kimber; Answer, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *April* 9, [304] 1168

Sullivan, Right Hon. T. D. (Lord Mayor of Dublin), *Dublin, College Green*
Arms (Ireland), 2R. [305] 1586
Government of Ireland, 2R. [305] 1346
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  Poor Law — Deportation of Paupers from Scotland—Case of Mrs. Jane Carroll, [304] 1158

Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879
Question, Sir John Gorst; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *April* 1, [304] 445

Sunday (Opening of Museums, &c.)
Moved to resolve "That whereas for many years past Parliament has voted, without comment or protest, funds to provide for the Sunday opening of Hampton Court Picture Galleries, Kew Gardens, the Painted Hall of Greenwich Hospital, and the Dublin National Gallery; that whereas a majority of the Trustees of both the British Museum and of the National Gallery have expressed a desire to open those institutions on Sunday afternoons; that whereas for many years museums, libraries, and art galleries have been opened free to the people on Sundays in many large provincial towns, with results of a highly satisfactory character; and further, seeing that no legislative impediment is offered to the Sunday opening of the Zoological Gardens in London to the wealthy classes of society, notwithstanding the much larger proportion of Sunday labour thereby involved as compared with a Government art collection; that, for the above reasons, this House is therefore of opinion that the time

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Sunday (Opening of Museums, &c.)—cont.

has now come when the principle already conceded should, in the interests of religion and education, be extended to the national collections of art and literature in the Metropolis" (*The Lord Thurlow*) *Mar* 19, [303] 1326

Amendt. to leave out all after ("That,") insert ("it is not desirable to open the national collections of art and literature in the Metropolis on Sunday") (*The Viscount Midleton*); after debate, on Question, "That the words, &c.;" Cont. 78, Not-Cont. 62; M. 16; resolved in the affirmative

Div. List, Cont. and Not-Cont. 1348

Original Motion agreed to

Sunday (Opening of Museums, &c.)

Moved to resolve, "That it would be expedient that museums should be opened by daylight only, and should be closed during the time of afternoon Divine Service, on Sundays" (*The Lord Denman*) *Mar* 25, [303] 1774; on Question? resolved in the negative

[See title *National Museums*]

SUPPLY

The Army Estimates, Question, Mr. W. H. Smith; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Mar* 4, [302] 1916; Questions, Mr. W. H. Smith; Answers, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman), The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Mar* 15, [303] 824

Civil Services, &c. Estimates

Class I., Vote 3, Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens, Questions, Mr. Brodrick, Mr. W. H. Smith, Mr. Labouchere; Answers, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt), The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 15, [303] 791

The Navy Estimates — Shipbuilding Votes, Question, Dr. Cameron; Answer, The Secretary to the Admiralty (Mr. Ritchie) *Jan* 26, [302] 425

Revenue and Expenditure—The "Spending Departments" of the State, Questions, Mr. Rylands; Answers, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Mar* 15, [303] 820; *April* 5, [304] 754

Royal Family, Grants of Money to the—A Committee, Question, Mr. Howard Spensley; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *Mar* 29, [304] 106

The Estimates—Vote on Account, Question, Sir Walter B. Barttelot; Answer, The Secretary of State for War (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) *May* 21, [304] 1667

SUPPLY

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty *Feb* 18

Estimates referred

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Supply—*cont.*

302] Considered in Committee *Feb* 19, 726—Civil Services (Supplementary Estimates, 1885-6) —Class I.—Public Works and Buildings—Votes 7, 10, 15—Salaries and Expenses of Civil Departments—Votes 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 15, 34, 41—Class III.—Law and Justice—Votes 5, 17, 27, 29

Resolutions reported, and, after debate, agreed to *Feb* 22, 989

Considered in Committee *Feb* 25, 1228—Civil Services (Supplementary Estimates, 1885-6) —Class IV.—Education, Science, and Art —Votes 7, 8, 14—Class V.—Foreign and Colonial Services—Votes 3 & 5—Class VI. —Non-Effective and Charitable Services —Votes 1 & 4—Class VII.—Miscellaneous —Votes 4 & 6;—Revenue Departments—Votes 2 & 3—Navy (Supplementary Estimates, 1885-6)—Numbers, 2,500 Men and Boys; Additional Expenditure, £308,400; Warlike Stores and Works, £100

Resolutions reported *Feb* 26

Considered in Committee *Mar* 1, 1550—Civil Service Estimates—Class V.—Foreign and Colonial Services — Votes 1 & 6 — Army (Supplementary Estimates, 1885-6)

Resolutions reported *Mar* 3

Considered in Committee *Mar* 4, 2000—Civil Service Estimates — Class I. — Public Works and Buildings—Vote 1—r.p

303] Considered in Committee *Mar* 11, 479—Civil Service Estimates—Class I.—Public Works and Buildings—Votes 1 to 15

Resolutions reported *Mar* 12, 741

Third Resolution postponed

Postponed Resolution considered *Mar* 18, 1308

(3.) £62,216, Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens

Resolved, That the Postponed Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply on the 11th March be re-committed to the said Committee

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee of Supply

Supply again considered in Committee

Moved, "That, in addition to the sum of £62,216 already granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1887, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens, the sum of £50,403 be granted, making together the sum of £112,619," 1308

Moved, "That, in addition to the sum of £62,216 already granted to Her Majesty, &c., the reduced sum of £48,253 be granted, making together the sum of £110,469" (*Mr. Labouchere*); after short debate, Question put; A. 65, N. 141; M. 76 (D. L. 37)

Original Question put, and agreed to

Resolution reported *Mar* 19

Considered in Committee *Mar* 15, 905—Navy Estimates—Vote A.—Numbers

Resolution reported *Mar* 16

Considered in Committee *Mar* 18 — Navy Estimates — Departmental Statement — Votes 1 & 2

Civil Services and Revenue Departments, Vote on Account — Civil Services, £2,733,400; Revenue Departments, £670,000; Total, £3,403,400

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SUPPLY—*cont.*

303] CIVIL SERVICE DEFICIENCIES, 1884-5, 1307; NAVY EXCESS, 1884 5
Resolutions reported *Mar* 19, 1447
Moved, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolutions;" after short debate, Question put, and agreed to
Considered in Committee *Mar* 22 — ARMY ESTIMATES — Vote A.—Numbers — Departmental Statement—Vote 1
Resolutions reported *Mar* 23
Considered in Committee *Mar* 25, 1809—ARMY ESTIMATES, Vote 11—Committee R.P.
305] Considered in Committee *May* 3, 153—CIVIL SERVICE ESTIMATES — CLASS I. — PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS—Votes 15a to 20, 23 & 24; CLASS III.—LAW AND JUSTICE—Votes 1 to 19; 22, 23, 31, & 32
Resolutions reported *May* 5, 354
Resolution (25.) £58,921, to complete the sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Courts of Law and Justice in Scotland, and other Legal Charges, postponed
Postponed Resolution considered *May* 6, 489
Moved, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;" Moved, "That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next" (*Mr. Fraser-Mackintosh*); Motion agreed to; Debate adjourned
305] Debate resumed *May* 10, 691; after short debate, Question put, and agreed to
Considered in Committee *May* 24, 1842—CIVIL SERVICES AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS, Vote on Account—Civil Services, £1,316,400; Revenue Departments, £950,000; Total, £2,266,400; ARMY ESTIMATES, Vote 10; NAVY ESTIMATES, Votes 4, 5, & 15
Resolutions reported *May* 25
306] Ministerial Statement, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *June* 11, 1498
Considered in Committee *June* 10, 1322 — NAVY ESTIMATES—Votes 3, 6, 11, 16, Secs. I and II, and 17
Resolutions reported *June* 11
Considered in Committee *June* 11, 1510—£1,000, GRATUITY TO LADY GOSSET: after short debate, Vote agreed to; CIVIL SERVICES AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS, VOTE ON ACCOUNT (£6,879,764); ARMY ESTIMATES, VOTE ON ACCOUNT (£5,000,000); NAVY ESTIMATES, VOTE ON ACCOUNT (£8,000)
Resolutions reported, and, after debate, agreed to *June* 16, 1632

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SUMMARY.

APPROPRIATION OF GRANTS. 1885-86.		£	*s.*	*d.*
Deficiencies, 1884-85		595	12	1
Navy Deficiency, 1884-85 ...		38,119	10	0
Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Supplementary), 1885-86		236,272	0	0
Navy (Supplementary), 1885-86		308,400	0	0
Army (Supplementary), 1885-86		100	0	0
		583,487	2	1
1886-87				
NAVY SERVICES...		9,056,700	0	0
ARMY SERVICES...		12,739,300	0	0
CIVIL SERVICES—viz.:	£			
I. Public Works and Buildings ...	1,807,343			
II. Salaries, &c. Civil Departments ...	1,438,600			
III. Law and Justice	5,480,163			
IV. Education, Science, and Art ...	3,384,200			
V. Foreign and Colonial Services ...	433,400			
VI. Non-Effective, &c. Services ...	613,264			
VII. Miscellaneous	24,000	13,180,970	0	0
REVENUE DEPARTMENTS, &c. ...		4,730,000	0	0
Total ...		£40,290,457	2	1

SUMMARY.

WAYS AND MEANS.

GRANTS OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FUND.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
For the service of the years ending 31st March 1885 and 1886; viz.			
Under Act 49 Vic. cap. 4 ...	583,487	2	1
For the service of the year ending 31st March 1887:—			
Under Act 49 Vic. cap. 7 ...	12,713,318	0	0
Under this Act	26,993,652	0	0
Total ...	£40,290,457	2	1

Supply—cont.

DEFICIENCIES, 1884-85.

	Total of Vote. £	s.	d.
COMMITTEE *Mar* 18—REPORT *Mar* 19			
CIVIL SERVICES, viz.,			
CLASS I.			
(5.) New Courts of Justice and Offices	16	8	1
CLASS II.			
(32.) Registrar General's Office, Scotland	1	10	11
CLASS III.			
(21.) Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland)	178	17	1
(28.) Dublin Metropolitan Police	398	16	0
Total ...	£595	12	1

	£	s.	d.
COMMITTEE *Mar* 18—REPORT *Mar* 19			
NAVY EXCESS, 1884-5			
Schedule of Sums granted to make good excess of expenditure beyond the ordinary and supplementary Navy grants for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1885	38,119	10	0

SUPPLEMENTARY, 1885-6.

CIVIL SERVICES.

COMMITTEE *Feb* 19—REPORT *Feb* 22

CLASS I.—PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

	Total of Vote. £
Furniture of Public Offices [302] 726 After short debate, Vote agreed to	3,300
Metropolitan Police Court Buildings After short debate, Vote agreed to [302] 727	500
Dover Harbour	300

CLASS II.—SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF CIVIL DEPARTMENTS.

	Total of Vote. £
House of Commons Offices	450
Foreign Office [302] 756 After short debate, Vote agreed to	3,730
Colonial Office	500
Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade [302] 763 After short debate, Vote agreed to	31
Charity Commission	2,371
Civil Service Commission	2,100
Local Government Board	7,490
Secretary for Scotland's Office Moved, "That a sum, not exceeding £3,430, be granted, &c.;" after short debate, Moved, "That a sum, not exceeding £2,930, &c." (*Dr. Cameron*); Question put; A. 52, N. 110; M. 58; Vote agreed to [302] 764	3,430
Household of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland	100
Valuation and Boundary Survey, Ireland	159

Supply—cont.

CLASS III.—LAW AND JUSTICE.

	Total of Vote. £
County Courts [302] 775 After short debate, Vote agreed to	6,383
Courts of Law and Justice, Scotland Moved, "That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,327, be granted, &c.;" after short debate, Moved, "That the Vote be omitted" (*Mr. Jacks*); Motion withdrawn Moved, "That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £41, &c." (*Dr. Cameron*); after short debate, Question put; A. 117, N. 136; M. 19; Vote agreed to [302] 779	1,327
County Court Officers, &c. Ireland After short debate, Vote agreed to [302] 794	4,069
Royal Irish Constabulary Moved, "That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £7,400, be granted, &c.;" after debate, Vote agreed to [302] 805 Res. reported, *Feb* 22, and, after debate, agreed to	7,400

CLASS IV.—EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND ART.

COMMITTEE *Feb* 25—REPORT *Feb* 26

	Total of Vote. £
London University [302] 1228 After short debate, Vote agreed to	460
University Colleges, Wales	750
Public Education, Ireland [302] 1231 After short debate, Vote agreed to	27,700

CLASS V.—FOREIGN AND COLONIAL SERVICES.

COMMITTEE *Mar* 1—REPORT *Mar* 3

	Total of Vote. £
Diplomatic Services Moved, "That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £25,000, be granted, &c.;" Moved, "That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £12,500, &c." (*Mr. Bradlaugh*); after long debate, Question put; A. 98, N. 185; M. 87; Vote agreed to [302] 1550	25,000

COMMITTEE *Feb* 25—REPORT *Feb* 26

	Total of Vote. £
Slave Trade Services	3,000
Grants in Aid of Expenditure in certain Colonies Moved, "That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,200, be granted, &c.;" after short debate, Moved, "That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £45, &c." (*Mr. T. M. Healy*); after further short debate, Question put; A. 66, N. 209; M. 143; Vote agreed to [302] 1244	1,200

COMMITTEE *Mar* 1—REPORT *Mar* 3

South Africa and St. Helena
Moved, "That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £69,210, be granted, &c.;" after debate, Moved, "That

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Supply—cont.	Total of Vote.
	£
a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,210, &c." (*Mr. Labouchere*); after further debate, Question put; A. 85, N. 229; M. 144; Vote agreed to [302] 1600	69,210

Class VI.—Non-Effective and Charitable Services.

Committee *Feb* 25—Report *Feb* 26

Superannuations and Retired Allowances [302] 1257 After short debate, Vote agreed to	3,000
Pauper Lunatics, Scotland	612

Class VII.—Miscellaneous.

Registration of Voters, England After short debate, Vote agreed to [302] 1261	2,700
Registration of Voters, Ireland After short debate, Vote agreed to [302] 1266	2,000
Total for Civil Services ...	£179,272

REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

Inland Revenue [302] 1271 After short debate, Vote agreed to	12,000
Post Office [302] 1273 After short debate, Vote agreed to	45,000
Total for Revenue Departments ...	£57,000
Grand Total ...	£236,272

Committee *Feb* 25—Report *Feb* 26

Navy (Supplementary), 1885-6	£
Numbers Men and Boys 2,500	
Additional Expenditure	308,400

Moved, "That item £32,000, Dockyards at Home and Abroad, be omitted" (*Dr. Cameron*); after long debate, A. 67, N. 246; M. 179 [302] 1285

Committee *Mar* 1—Report *Mar* 3

Army (Supplementary), 1885-6	£
Warlike Stores and Works [302] 1631 After debate, Vote agreed to	100

NAVY ESTIMATES, 1886-87.

Committee *Mar* 15—Report *Mar* 16

I.—Numbers.

	Numbers
Moved, "That 61,400 Men and Boys be employed for the Sea and Coastguard Service for the year ending the 31st day of March, 1887, including 12,000 Royal Marines" After debate, Vote agreed to [303] 905	61,000

Supply—*cont.*

II.—Effective Services

Committee *Mar* 18—Report *Mar* 19	Amount Voted.	Total of Estimate.
	£	£
(1.) Wages &c. of Seamen and Marines	2,902,900	2,902,900
Departmental Statement of the Secretary to the Admiralty on moving the first Vote £2,902,900, Wages, &c. to Seamen and Marines After long debate, Vote agreed to [303] 1184		
(2.) Victuals and Clothing for Seamen and Marines	964,400	964,400
After short debate, Vote agreed [303] 1285		
Committee *June* 10—Report *June* 11		
(3.) Admiralty Office ...	203,400	203,400
Committee *May* 24—Report *May* 25		
(4.) Coast Guard Service, Royal Naval Reserves, &c.	207,600	207,600
(5.) Scientific Branch ...	113,200	113,200
After short debate, Vote agreed to [305] 1971		
Committee *June* 10—Report *June* 11		
(6.) Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad	1,729,500	1,729,500
Moved, "That a sum, not exceeding £1,729,500, be granted, &c." Moved, "That the Item A Salaries and Allowances (Salaries of Civil Assistants) be omitted" (*Sir John Gorst*); after debate, Motion withdrawn [306] 1322 Moved, "That a sum, not exceeding £1,629,500, &c." (*Lord Charles Beresford*); after short debate, Motion withdrawn, 1379 Moved, "That a sum, not exceeding £1,719,500, &c." (*Mr. Shaw Lefevre*), 1397; after debate, Question put; A. 86, N. 160; M. 74; after further short debate, Vote agreed to, 1421		
(7.) Victualling Yards at Home and Abroad ...	1,000	70,700
(8.) Medical Establishments at Home and Abroad	1,000	67,000

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Supply—cont.	Amount Voted. £	Total of Estimate. £
(9.) Marine Divisions ...	1,000	21,700
(10.) Naval Stores for Building and Repairing the Fleet, &c., Machinery and Ships built by Contract:		
Section I. Naval Stores	1,000	1,206,000
Section II. Machinery and Ships built by Contract, &c. ...	1,000	2,371,300
COMMITTEE *June* 10—REPORT *June* 11		
(11.) New Works, Buildings, Yard Machinery, and Repairs	623,700	623,700
After short debate, Vote agreed to [306] 1422		
(12.) Medicines and Medical Stores, &c. ...	1,000	62,600
(13.) Martial Law, &c. ...	1,000	9,400
(14.) Miscellaneous Services	1,000	135,700
Total for the Effective Services		£10,689,100
III.—NON-EFFECTIVE SERVICES.		
COMMITTEE *May* 24—REPORT *May* 25		
(15.) Half Pay, Reserved Half Pay, and Retired Pay to Officers of the Navy and Marines ...	812,900	812,900
COMMITTEE *June* 10—REPORT *June* 11		
(16.) Military and Civil Pensions and Allowances:		
Section I. Military Pensions and Allowances	905,800	905,800
Section II. Civil Pensions and Allowances	333,300	333,300
Total for the Naval Service		12,741,100
IV.—EXTRA ESTIMATE FOR SERVICES NOT NAVAL:		
(17.) Freight, &c. for the Army (Conveyance of Troops)	252,000	252,000
Total NAVY ESTIMATES		£12,993,100
Amount voted		£9,056,700
Remain to be voted ...		£3,936,400

SUPPLY—*cont.*

ARMY ESTIMATES, 1886-7.

COMMITTEE *Mar* 22—REPORT *Mar* 23

I.—NUMBERS.	*Numbers*
(A.) Total number of Men on the Home and Colonial Establishments of the Army, exclusive of those serving in India	151,867

Departmental Statement of the Secretary of State for War (*Mr. Campbell-Bannerman*) in moving the Army Estimates

Moved, "That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 151,867, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, excluding H.M.'s Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1886"

After short debate, Vote agreed to [303] 1588

II.—EFFECTIVE SERVICES.	Amount Voted. £	Total of Estimate. £
(1.) Pay of the General Staff, Regimental Pay and Allowances, and other Charges ...	4,457,300	4,457,300
(2.) Divine Service ...	30,000	60,800
(3.) Administration of Military Law ...	20,000	37,600
(4.) Medical Establishments and Services ...	160,000	333,000
(5.) Militia Pay and Allowances	270,000	555,000
(6.) Yeomanry Cavalry Pay and Allowances...	40,000	76,000
(7.) Volunteer Corps Pay and Allowances ...	320,000	624,500
(8.) Army Reserve Force Pay and Allowances (including Enrolled Pensioners) ...	200,000	423,000
(9.) Commissariat, Transport, and Ordnance Store Establishments, Wages, &c. ...	260,000	520,000
COMMITTEE *May* 24—REPORT *May* 25		
(10.) Provisions, Forage, Fuel, Transport, and other Services ...	3,282,000	3,282,000
COMMITTEE *Mar* 25—		
(11.) Clothing Establishments, Services, and Supplies	410,000	866,500
After long debate, *Comm.* R.P. [303] 1809		
(12.) Supply, Manufacture, and Repair of Warlike and other Stores	1,200,000	2,569,000

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Supply—cont.	Amount Voted.	Total of Estimate.
	£	£
(13.) Superintending Establishment of, and Expenditure for, Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad ...	460,000	925,800
(14.) Establishments for Military Education ...	60,000	133,600
(15.) Miscellaneous Effective Services ...	20,000	37,100
(16.) Salaries and Miscellaneous Charges of the War Office ...	120,000	255,500
Total Effective Services		£15,156,900

III.—NON-EFFECTIVE SERVICES.

	£	£
(17.) Rewards for Distinguished Services, &c.	10,000	19,400
(18.) Half-Pay ...	40,000	79,700
(19.) Retired Pay, Gratuities, and Payments allowed by Army Purchase Commissioners	500,000	1,187,400
(20.) Widows' Pensions and Compassionate Allowances	70,000	129,700
(21.) Pensions for Wounds	10,000	16,900
(22.) Chelsea and Kilmainham Hospitals (In-Pensions) ...	20,000	32,200
(23.) Out-Pensions ...	630,000	1,372,100
(24.) Superannuation, Compensation, and Compassionate Allowances	90,000	188,000
(25.) Retired Allowances to Officers of the Militia, Yeomanry, and Volunteer Forces ...	30,000	50,900
Total Non-Effective Services		£3,076,300

Total Effective and Non-Effective Services	£18,233,200
Amount Voted	12,739,300
Remain to be voted ...	5,493,900

ESTIMATES, &c. CIVIL SERVICE AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS, 1886-87.

CLASS I.—PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

GREAT BRITAIN:

COMMITTEE *Mar* 4—R.P.

COMMITTEE *Mar* 11—REPORT *Mar* 12

Supply—cont.	Amount Voted.	Total of Estimate.
	£	£
(1.) Royal Palaces Moved, "That a sum, not exceeding £31,997, be granted, &c." Moved, "That a sum, not exceeding £23,723, &c." (*Mr. Labouchere*); after debate, Question put; A. 125, N. 240; M. 115; after further debate, Vote agreed to [303] 479	31,997	31,997
(2.) Marlborough House	1,625	1,625
(3.) Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens Moved, "That a sum, not exceeding £112,619, be granted, &c." Moved, "That a sum, not exceeding £62,216, &c." (*Mr. Labouchere*); after debate, Question put; A. 131, N. 114; M. 17 [303] 493		

COMMITTEE *Mar* 18—REPORT *Mar* 19

Moved, "That, in addition to the sum of £62,216 already granted, the sum of £50,403 be granted, making together £112,619" Moved, "That the reduced sum of £48,253 be granted, making together £110,469" (*Mr. Labouchere*); after short debate, Question put; A. 65, N. 141; M. 76; Vote agreed to [303] 1308	112,619	112,619

COMMITTEE *Mar* 11—REPORT *Mar* 12

(4.) Houses of Parliament After short debate, Vote agreed to [303] 509	47,865	47,865
(5.) Gordon Monument	500	500
(6.) Public Buildings After short debate, Vote agreed to [303] 529	192,221	192,221
(7.) New Admiralty and War Office ...	—	25,000
(8.) Furniture of Public Offices	19,060	19,060
(9.) Revenue Department Buildings ...	227,464	227,464
(10.) County Court Buildings	29,150	29,150
(11.) Metropolitan Police Courts	6,370	6,370
(12.) Sheriff Court Houses, Scotland	9,630	9,630
(13.) Surveys of the United Kingdom After short debate, Vote agreed to [303] 545	258,000	258,000
(14.) Science and Art Department Buildings	19,742	19,742
(15.) British Museum Buildings After short debate, Vote agreed to [303] 546	11,477	11,477
(16.) Harbours, &c. under Board of Trade		

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Supply—cont.

	Amount Voted.	Total of Estimate.
	£	£
After short debate, Vote agreed to [303] 547	17,598	17,598
(17.) New Harbour at Dover	200	1,000
Moved, "That a sum, not exceeding £1,000, be granted, &c.;" after debate, *Comm.*—R.P.		
Comm. May 3—Amendt. (*Mr. Bradlaugh*); after debate, Amendt. and Vote withdrawn [305] 153		
COMMITTEE *May* 3—REPORT *May* 5		
(18.) Peterhead Harbour	30,120	30,120
(19.) Rates on Government Property (Great Britain and Ireland) ...	221,485	221,485
(20.) Metropolitan Fire Brigade	10,000	10,000
(21.) Disturnpiked and Main Roads (England and Wales) ...	242,000	242,000
(20.) Disturnpiked Roads (Scotland)	35,000	35,000
IRELAND:		
(23.) Public Buildings After short debate, Vote agreed to [305] 174	212,335	212,335
(24.) Royal University Buildings	8,600	17,931
(25.) Science and Art Buildings (Dublin) ...	8,000	25,000
ABROAD:		
(26.) Lighthouses Abroad	13,208	13,208
(27.) Diplomatic and Consular Buildings After short debate, Vote agreed to [305] 174	41,677	41,677
Total Estimate, Class I.	£1,807,343	£1,860,074
Amount voted		1,807,343
Remain to be voted		£52,731

CLASS II.—SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF CIVIL DEPARTMENTS.

ENGLAND:	Amount Voted	Total of Estimate
	£	£
(1.) House of Lords Offices	28,000	43,978
(2.) House of Commons Offices	30,000	52,493
(3.) Treasury, including Parliamentary Counsel	36,000	58,718
(4.) Home Office and Subordinate Departments...	55,000	95,632

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Supply—cont.

	Amount Voted.	Total of Estimate.
	£	£
(5.) Foreign Office ...	40,000	71,671
(6.) Colonial Office ...	24,000	41,016
(7.) Privy Council Office and Subordinate Departments ...	24,000	46,816
(8.) Board of Trade and Subordinate Departments	60,000	106,817
(9.) Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade...	100	242
(10.) Charity Commission (including Endowed Schools Department)	23,500	33,465
(11.) Civil Service Commission	19,000	33,554
(12.) Exchequer and Audit Department	33,000	53,955
(13.) Friendly Societies Registry	4,500	8,207
(14.) Land Commission for England	12,000	22,111
(15.) Local Government Board	270,000	445,956
(16.) Lunacy Commission	9,000	15,239
(17.) Mint (including Coinage)	40,000	69,081
(18.) National Debt Office	9,000	14,796
(19.) Patent Office ...	28,000	53,303
(20.) Paymaster General's Office...	15,000	26,190
(21.) Public Works Loan Commission	5,600	9,614
(22.) Record Office ...	13,000	21,326
(23.) Registrar General's Office	27,000	49,211
(24.) Stationery Office and Printing ...	320,000	561,424
(25.) Woods, Forests, &c., Office of	13,000	23,043
(26.) Works and Public Buildings, Office of ...	28,000	49,059
(27.) Mercantile Marine Fund, Grant in Aid ...	30,000	40,000
(28.) Secret Service ...	20,000	50,000
SCOTLAND:		
(29.) Secretary for Scotland...	5,500	8,893
(30.) Exchequer and other Offices	3,700	6,455
(31.) Fishery Board ...	14,000	26,780
(32.) Lunacy Commission	3,500	5,932
(33.) Registrar General's Office	3,000	6,089
(34.) Board of Supervision	26,000	29,340
IRELAND:		
(35.) Lord Lieutenant's Household	5,000	7,516
(36.) Chief Secretary's Office, &c.	23,000	40,866
(37.) Charitable Donations and Bequests Office	1,200	2,019
(38.) Local Government Board	75,000	143,688
(39.) Public Works Office	32,000	50,559

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Supply—cont.	Amount Voted.	Total of Estimate.
	£	£
(40.) Record Office ...	4,000	6,414
(41.) Registrar General's Office	11,000	16,126
(42.) Valuation and Boundary Survey ...	15,000	23,826
Total Estimate, Class II.	£1,438,600	£2,476,470
Amount voted		1,438,600
Remain to be voted...		£1,037,870

CLASS III.—LAW AND JUSTICE.

	Amount Voted.	Total of Estimate.
ENGLAND :		
COMMITTEE *May* 3— REPORT *May* 5		
(1.) Law Charges After short debate, Vote agreed to [305] 180	£ 84,974	£ 84,974
(2.) Criminal Prosecutions	159,277	159,277
(3.) Supreme Court of Judicature After short debate, Vote agreed to [305] 181	422,219	422,219
(4.) Wreck Commission	13,430	13,430
(5.) County Courts ...	428,804	428,804
(6.) Land Registry ...	2,942	2,942
(7.) Revising Barristers, England After short debate, Vote agreed to [305] 197	18,690	18,690
(8.) Police Courts (London and Sheerness) ..	15,565	15,565
(9.) Metropolitan Police After short debate, Vote agreed to [305] 199	559,730	559,730
(10.) Special Police ...	36,000	36,000
(11.) County and Borough Police, Great Britain After short debate, Vote agreed to [305] 204	853,311	853,311
(12.) Convict Establishments in England and the Colonies After short debate, Vote agreed to [305] 211	346,644	346,644
(13.) Prisons, England	466,035	466,035
(14.) Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Great Britain After short debate, Vote agreed to [305] 211	280,852	280,852
(15.) Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum After short debate, Vote agreed to [305] 216	29,282	29,282
SCOTLAND :		
(16.) Lord Advocate, and Criminal Proceedings After short debate, Vote agreed to [305] 217	64,356	64,356
(17.) Courts of Law and Justice After short debate, Vote agreed to [305] 221 Report *May* 5; debate adjourned, 489; *May* 10, debate resumed; after debate, Res. agreed to, 691	£ 63,921	£ 63,921
(18.) Register House Departments	36,862	36,862
(19.) Police, Counties and Burghs (Scotland) After short debate, Vote agreed to [305] 227	148,037	148,037
(20.) Prisons, Scotland	108,876	108,876
IRELAND :		
(21.) Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions ...	45,000	74,041
(22.) Supreme Court of Judicature	50,000	88,861
COMMITTEE *May* 3— REPORT *May* 5		
(23.) Court of Bankruptcy	10,059	10,059
(24.) Admiralty Court Registry	1,285	1,285
(25.) Registry of Deeds ...	9,000	16,835
(26.) Registry of Judgments	1,200	2,363
(27.) Land Commission ...	28,000	54,613
(28.) County Court Officers, &c.	51,000	96,687
(29.) Dublin Metropolitan Police (including Police Courts)	90,000	150,632
(30.) Constabulary ...	855,000	1,397,153
(31.) Prisons, Ireland ...	85,000	155,886
COMMITTEE *May* 3— REPORT *May* 5		
(32.) Reformatory and Industrial Schools ...	108,057	108,057
(33.) Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum ...	6,755	6,755
Total Estimate, Class III.	£5,480,163	£6,303,034
Amount voted		5,480,163
Remain to be voted		£822,871

CLASS IV.—EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND ART.

	Amount Voted.	Total of Estimate.
ENGLAND :	£	£
(1.) Public Education...	2,100,000	3,422,989
(2.) Science and Art Department	230,000	400,043
(3.) British Museum ...	85,000	162,285

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Supply—cont.

	Amount Voted. £	Total of Estimate. £
(4.) National Gallery, including Natural History Museum ...	5,000	8,607
(5.) National Portrait Gallery	1,200	1,731
(6.) Learned Societies, &c.	17,000	24,400
(7.) London University	7,000	13,152
(8.) University Colleges, Wales	6,000	12,000
(9.) Deep Sea Exploring Expedition (Report) H.M.S. "Challenger"	2,500	4,337
Transit of Venus, 1882		
Scotland :		
(10.) Public Education ...	340,000	524,263
(11.) Universities, &c.	11,000	19,508
(12.) National Gallery ...	1,600	2,100
Ireland :		
(13.) Public Education...	570,000	828,073
(14.) Teachers' Pension Office	1,200	2,145
(15.) Endowed Schools Commissioners ...	400	670
(16.) National Gallery ...	1,800	2,501
(17.) Queen's Colleges ...	2,500	11,028
(18.) Royal Irish Academy	2,000	2,520
Total Estimate, Class IV.	£3,384,200	5,442,352
Amount Voted		3,384,200
Remain to be Voted ..		£2,058,152

Class V.—Foreign and Colonial Services.

	Amount Voted. £	Total of Estimate. £
(1.) Diplomatic Services	170,000	232,010
(2.) Consular Services...	140,000	186,486
(3.) Slave Trade Services	10,000	14,160
(4.) Suez Canal (British Directors)	400	2,405
(5.) Colonies, Grants-in-Aid	17,000	30,116
(6.) South Africa and St. Helena	40,000	109,637
(7.) Subsidies to Telegraph Companies ...	37,000	50,050
(8.) Cyprus, Grant-in-Aid	19,000	20,000
Total Estimate, Class V.	£433,400	644,864
Amount Voted ...		433,400
Remain to be Voted ...		£211,464

Class VI. — Non-Effective and Charitable Services.

	Amount voted. £	Total of Estimate. £
(1.) Superannuation and Retired Allowances ...	340,000	463,928

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Supply—cont.

Committee *June* 11—

Report *June* 16

	Amount Voted. £	Total of Estimate. £
(1a.) Gratuity to Widow of the late Sir Ralph Gosset, Serjeant-at-Arms		
After short debate, Vote agreed to [306] 1510	1,000	1,000
(2.) Merchant Seamen's Fund Pensions, &c. ...	15,000	19,200
(3.) Pauper Lunatics, England	10,000	495,000
(4.) Pauper Lunatics, Scotland	85,000	87,000
(5.) Pauper Lunatics, Ireland	99,000	99,800
(6.) Hospitals and Infirmaries, Ireland ...	9,000	16,658
(7.) Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Deficiency	51,364	52,364
(8.) Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances, Great Britain	1,500	2,611
(9.) Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances, Ireland ...	1,400	2,703
Total Estimate, Class VI.	£613,264	£1,240,264
Amount voted	...	613,264
Remain to be voted ...	...	£627,000

Class VII.—Miscellaneous.

	Amount Voted. £	Total of Estimate. £
(1.) Temporary Commissions	19,000	32,331
(2.) Miscellaneous Expenses	5,000	7,802
Repayment to Civil Contingencies Fund ...		- -
Registration of Voters, England		- -
Registration of Voters, Scotland		- -
Registration of Voters, Ireland		- -
Total Estimate, Class VII.	£24,000	£40,133
Amount voted ...	...	24,000
Remain to be voted ...	...	£16,133

REVENUE DEPARTMENTS, &c.

	Amount Voted. £	Total of Estimate. £
Vote I. For Salaries and Expenses of the Customs Department ...	420,000	956,057
Vote II. For Salaries and Expenses of the Inland Revenue Department	740,000	1,797,506

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Supply—cont.

	£	£
Vote III. For Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office Services, the expenses of Post Office Savings Banks, and Government Annuities and Insurances, and the Collection of the Post Office Revenue	2,100,000	5,218,955
Vote IV. For the Post Office Packet Service ...	400,000	735,663

Supply—cont.

	£	£
Vote V. For Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service	1,070,000	1,845,510
Total of Estimate for Revenue Departments ...	£4,730,000	£10,553,691
Amount voted		4,730,000
Remain to be voted		£5,823,691

SUMMARY.

SERVICE.	Total of Estimate.	Amount already Voted.	Remain to be Voted.
	£	£	£
ARMY - - - - - -	18,233,200	12,739,300	5,493,900
NAVY - - - - - -	12,993,100	9,056,700	3,936,400
CIVIL SERVICES - - - -	18,007,191	13,180,970	4,826,221
REVENUE DEPARTMENTS - -	10,553,691	4,730,000	5,823,691
GRAND TOTAL - - - £	59,787,182	39,706,970	20,080,212

Sutherland, Mr. T., *Greenock*
- Foreign Trade Competition, Res. [304] 628
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Sweden and Norway—Political Relations and Internal Condition
- Question, Mr. W. H. Smith; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *May* 27, [306] 194

Swinburne, Sir J., *Staffordshire, Lichfield*
- Drowned Persons (Discovery and Interment), 2R. [303] 1773
- Greenwich Hospital Fund, [304] 59
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- Lowe's Charity (Lichfield), Res. [305] 1385, 1398
- Opium—Cultivation and Manufacture in India, Res. [305] 292
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- Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers) Act (1875) Amendment, Lords Amendts. Consid. [307] 266
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Talbot, Mr. J. G., *Oxford University*
- Charterhouse, 2R. [305] 507, 521
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- Police and Sanitary Regulations, Res. [302] 1364
- Public Education (England), Departmental Statement, [306] 1748
- Tithe Rent-Charge (Extraordinary) Amendment, 2R. [303] 1742
- Tithe Rent-Charge (Extraordinary) Redemption, Comm. [306] 1433; *cl.* 1, 1578, 1579; Amendt. 1763, 1764

Tanner, Dr. C., *Cork Co., Mid*
- Arms (Ireland), 2R. [305] 1593, 1599
- Harbours of Refuge, Res. [303] 683
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  - Arms Licences—Case of John Dunseath, [303] 298
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Royal Irish Constabulary—Alleged Assault on Mr. Patrick Corkery, [303] 817;—Employment as Caretakers at Inniscarra, Co. Cork, [303] 817, 818
Medical Acts Amendment, Comm. *cl.* 7, [306] 605, 610; Lords Amendts. Consid. [307] 267
Merchant Shipping—Wreck of the Barque "Cartwell," [305] 1657
Navy—Roche's Point Coastguard Station, [303] 1804
Post Office (Telegraph Department)—Pre-Payment of Letters to the Continent, [304] 1164
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Tramways Order in Council (Ireland), Res. [307] 207, 220, 222

Tariff and Customs Act, 1876—*Forfeitures*
Question, Mr. King; Answer, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir Michael Hicks-Beach) *Jan* 25, [302] 310
Sec. 179, Questions, Mr. King; Answers, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt) *Feb* 19, [302] 708; *May* 25, [306] 30

Technical Education (Ireland) Bill
(*Mr. P. J. Power, Mr. T. D. Sullivan, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Lane, Mr. A. O'Connor, Mr. Edmond Dwyer Gray*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 18]
2R. [Dropped]

TEMPLE, Sir R., *Worcester, Evesham*
Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Junction Railway and Dock, 2R. [306] 1473
Opium—Cultivation and Manufacture in India, Res. [305] 294
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Postal Service (British Possessions)—Rates of Postage, Res. [305] 534
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TENNANT, Sir C., *Peebles and Selkirk*
Scotland—Fisheries—Tweed Fisheries Acts, [302] 1753

Tenure of Land (Scotland) Bill
(*Mr. Barclay, Sir George Balfour, Dr. Farquharson, Mr. Esslemont*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 38]
2R. [Dropped]

Tenure of Town Houses (Ireland) Bill
(*Mr. Crilly, Mr. Small, Mr. T. D. Sullivan, Mr. Peter M'Donald, Sir Thomas Esmonde*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 11]
Bill withdrawn, after long debate *Feb* 24, [302] 1117

Terms of Removal (Scotland) Bill
(*The Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland*)
c. Question, Mr. J. W. Barclay; Answer, The Lord Advocate (Mr. J. B. Balfour) *Mar* 18, [303] 1162
Ordered; read 1° * *April* 15 [Bill 187]
Read 2° * *May* 5
Order for Committee read; Moved, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" *May* 10, [305] 690; after short debate, Question put; A. 113, N. 28; M. 85 (D. L. 92); Committee—R.P.
Committee; Report *June* 3, [306] 967
Considered *June* 4, 1106
Read 3° * *June* 16
l. Read 1ª * (*E. of Dalhousie*) *June* 17 (No. 157)
Read 2ª * *June* 18
Committee *; Report *June* 21
Read 3ª * *June* 22
Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 50]

Theatres, &c. (Metropolis) Bill
(*Mr. Dixon-Hartland, Mr. Macfarlane*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 69]
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *Feb* 19, [302] 837
Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Henry H. Fowler*); after short debate, Motion agreed to; Debate adjourned
Adjourned Debate on 2R. [Dropped]

Theatres, Regulation of—Legislation
Question, Captain Price; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *Mar* 26, [304] 30

THOMAS, Mr. A., *Glamorgan, E.*
Law and Justice—Imprisonment for Contempt of Court, [303] 8
Places of Worship Sites, 2R. [304] 654

THOMPSON, Sir H. M. MEYSEY-, *Lincolnshire, Brigg*
Government of Ireland, 2R. [306] 57, 1060
Inland Revenue—Surveyors of Taxes, [304] 31
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Customs Department—Redundant Collectors, [307] 198
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Metropolis, Disturbances in the, Res. [303] 749
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THURLOW, Lord—*cont.*

(*Paymaster General*)

Compensation for Damages, 2R. [304] 721; 3R. 1033
Harbours of Refuge (Great Britain and Ireland), Address for Returns, [304] 585, 587
Metropolitan Police Stations, 2R. [305] 558
Prison Officers Superannuation, 2R. [304] 1033

TIPPING, Mr. W., *Stockport*
Manchester Ship Canal, 2R. [303] 282, 283

Tithe Rent-Charge Amendment Bill (*Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Farquharson*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 65]
Read 2°, after short debate, and committed to the Select Committee on the Tithe Rent-Charge (Extraordinary) Amendment Bill *Mar* 24, [303] 1742
Reported from Select Comm. without Amendment *June* 7

Tithe Rent-Charge (Extraordinary) Amendment Bill (*Mr. Norton, Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Mr. Pomfret*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 61]
Read 2°, after debate, and committed to a Select Committee *Mar* 24, [303] 1728
And, on *April* 15, Committee nominated as follows:—Mr. Biddulph, Mr. Thomas Bolton, Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Carew, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Duckham, Sir Julian Goldsmid, Mr. Gregory, Sir Thomas Grove, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Illingworth, Mr. Stanley Leighton, Mr. Mellor, Mr. Norton, Mr. Donal Sullivan, and Mr. Carvell Williams
Reported from Select Comm. without Amendment *June* 7

Tithe Rent-Charge (Extraordinary) Redemption Bill (*Mr. Thomas Bolton, Mr. Thorold Rogers, Mr. Borlase, Sir John Lubbock*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 63]
Read 2°, and committed to the Select Committee on the Tithe-Rent Charge (Extraordinary) Amendment Bill *Mar* 24, [303] 1769
Report of Select Comm.* *June* 7 [No. 181]
Bill reported * *June* 7
Order for Committee (*on re-comm.*) read; Moved, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" *June* 10, [306] 1433; after short debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Stanley Leighton*); Question put; A. 32, N. 153; M. 121 (D. L. 126)
Main Question, "That Mr. Speaker, &c." put, and agreed to; Committee—R.P.
Committee (*on re-comm.*)—R.P. *June* 11, 1573
Committee (*on re-comm.*): Report; Considered; read 3° *June* 17, 1756 [Bill 264]
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *June* 18 (No. 174)
Read 2ª, after short debate *June* 21, [307] 26
Committee, after short debate *June* 22, 171 (No. 193)
Report, after short debate; read 3ª *June* 23, 187 (No. 203)
Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 54]

Tithe Rent-Charge Recovery Bill (*Mr. Stanley Leighton, Mr. Raikes, Mr. Kenyon*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Mar* 4 [Bill 129]
Read 2° *, and committed to the Select Committee on the Tithe Rent-Charge (Extraordinary) Amendment Bill

Tobacco
Moved, "That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the working and effect of the present system of levying Duty upon Tobacco; to consider, having due regard to Revenue requirements, whether any change should be introduced, and to inquire and report upon the excessive use of moisture contained in manufactured Tobacco" (*Mr. Macfarlane*) *May* 4, [305] 271; after short debate, Question put, and negatived

Tobacco (Ireland) Bill (*Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. Pyne, Mr. Barry, Mr. Condon, Mr. O'Hanlon*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 32]
2R. [Dropped]

TOLLEMACHE, Mr. H. J., *Cheshire Eddisbury*
Allotments and Small Holdings—The Returns, [302] 1219

TOMLINSON, Mr. W. E. M., *Preston*
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And, on *Mar* 18, Committee nominated as follows: — Colonel Nolan (Chairman), Mr. Tyssen Amherst, Mr. Asher, Mr. Arthur Balfour, Mr. Bartley, Lord William Compton, Mr. Conybeare, Mr. Crilly, Sir John Ellis, Viscount Folkestone, Mr. Lewis Fry, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Goschen, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Sidney Herbert, Sir Henry James, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Macartney, Mr. Mellor, Mr. O'Doherty, Mr. Edward Russell, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Wodehouse, and Viscount Wolmer

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Question, Mr. Bazley White; Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *June* 17, [306] 1711

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Tramways Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill (*Colonel Nolan, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. Foley, Mr. Harris, Mr. Molloy*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 78]
2R. [Dropped]

Tramways Order in Council (Ireland) Bill [H.L.] (*The Lord FitzGerald*)
l. Presented; read 1ª * *May* 31 (No. 132)
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª" *June* 4, [306] 997
Amendt. to leave out ("now,") add ("this day six months") (*The Earl of Belmore*); after short debate, on Question that ("now,") &c.? resolved in the affirmative; Bill read 2ª
Question, The Earl of Belmore; Answer, The Lord President of the Council (Earl Spencer); Observations, Lord Halsbury, The Lord Chancellor (Lord Herschell) *June* 8, 1251
Committee * *June* 18
Report *; read 3ª *June* 21
c. Read 1° *, and referred to the Examiners (*Mr. John Morley*) *June* 21 [Bill 292]
Moved, "That the Order of the House of the 21st June, referring the Tramways Order in Council (Ireland) Bill [*Lords*] to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, be read, and discharged" (*The Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr. John Morley*) *June* 24, [307] 205; after debate, Question put, and agreed to
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°," 216; after short debate, Motion agreed to; Bill read 2°
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l. Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. lxiii]

Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill (*Mr. Charles Acland, Mr. Mundella*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *April* 19 [Bill 195]
Read 2° * *May* 10
Report * *June* 18
Considered *; read 3° *June* 21
l. Read 1ª * *June* 21 (No. 192)

Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill (*Mr. Charles Acland, Mr. Mundella*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 10 [Bill 208]
Read 2° * and committed *May* 25

Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill (*Mr. Charles Acland, Mr. Mundella*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *May* 17 [Bill 213]
Read 2° * and committed *June* 1

TREASURY—First Lord (*see* GLADSTONE, Right Hon. W. E.)

TREASURY—Lord of (*see* GOWER, Mr. G. G. L.)

TREASURY—Lord of (*see* REED, Sir E. J.)

TREASURY—Financial Secretary to (*see* JACKSON, Mr. W. L.)

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Treaty of Berlin—Article LXI.—Armenia
Question, Mr. Otter; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *June* 7, [306] 1139

Trees (Ireland) Bill (*Mr. Gilhooly, Mr. Timothy Harrington, Mr. Marum, Mr. Fyne, Mr. O'Hanlon*)
c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 30]
Read 2°, after debate *Mar* 5, [303] 88
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Considered *Mar* 18, 1324; Bill re-committed in respect of New Clause; Committee; Report; Considered
Read 3° * *Mar* 19
l. Read 1ª * (*Lord President*) *Mar* 22 (No. 42)
Read 2ª, after debate *April* 1, [304] 426
Committee *April* 12, 1284
Report * *April* 15 (No. 72)
Read 3ª * *April* 16 (No. 79)
c. Lords Amendts. *April* 19 [Bill 199]
Lords Amendts. considered *May* 17, [305] 1256; one agreed to; some agreed to with Amendts.; some disagreed to
Committee appointed, "to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to the Amendts. to which this House hath disagreed;" List of the Committee, 1260
l. Returned from the Commons with one of the Amendts. agreed to, some agreed to with Amendts., and some disagreed to, together with Reasons for such disagreement: The Commons Amendts. and Reasons to be printed *May* 18 (No. 117)
Commons Reasons for disagreeing to some of the Amendts. made by the Lords, and Commons Amendts. to Lords Amendts., considered: Certain of the Amendts. not insisted on; a consequential Amendt. made; one Amendt. to which the Commons disagree insisted on; Commons Amendts. agreed to, with an Amendt.: A Committee appointed to prepare a Reason to be offered to the Commons for the Lords insisting on one of their Amendts.; the Committee to meet forthwith; Report from the Committee of the Reason prepared by them, read, and agreed to; and Bill returned to the Commons with the Amendts. and Reason *May* 25
c. Lords Reasons [Bill 243]
Moved, "That the consideration of Lords Reasons and Amendts. be put off for six months" (*Mr. Gilhooly*) *June* 11, [306] 1619; Question put, and agreed to

TREVELYAN, Rt. Hon. G. O., (Secretary for Scotland, &c.), *Hawick, &c.*
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- *c.* Ordered ; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 68]
  - 2R. [Dropped]

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- *Treatment of Christians*, Question, Mr. Bryce ; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bourke) *Jan* 25, [302] 311
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Turnpike Roads (South Wales) Bill (*Mr. Maitland, Mr. Thomas Price, Mr. Warmington*)
- *c.* Ordered ; read 1° * *June* 4 [Bill 260]
  - Read 2° *June* 10, [306] 1433
  - Committee * ; Report ; read 3° *June* 11
- *l.* Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *June* 17 (No. 161)
  - Read 2ª * *June* 18
  - Committee * ; Report ; read 3ª *June* 21
- *c.* Lords Amendts. *June* 21 [Bill 294]
- *l.* Royal Assent *June* 25 [49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 52]

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Ulster Canal and Tyrone Navigation Bill

(*Mr. John Morley*, *Mr. Henry H. Fowler*)

c. Motion for Leave (*Mr. Henry H. Fowler*) 302] *Mar* 1, 1652; after short debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Arthur O'Connor*); after further short debate, Motion agreed; Debate adjourned

Question, Mr. Johnston; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) 303] *Mar* 12, 642

Debate resumed *Mar* 15, 922; Question put, and agreed to; Bill ordered; read 1° *

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" 305] *May* 3, 250; Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Biggar*); after short debate, Question put; A. 6, N. 127; M. 121 (D. L. 87); original Question put; Bill read 2°

Referred to Select Comm. * *May* 6

Moved, "That the Select Committee do consist of Nine Members, Five to be nominated by the House and Four by the Committee of Selection" *May* 13, 1030; Amendt. to leave out "five" (*Mr. Biggar*); Question proposed, "That 'five,' &c.;" after short debate, Amendt. withdrawn; main Question put, and agreed to

Moved, "That Mr. Henry H. Fowler be a Member of the Committee" (*The Secretary to the Treasury*, *Mr. Arnold Morley*) *May* 18, 1406; after short debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Arnold Morley*); Motion agreed to; Debate adjourned

Debate resumed *May* 24, 1974; Question put, and agreed to: — Sir James Corry, Mr. Haslett, Mr. William O'Brien, and Mr. Arthur O'Connor nominated other Members of the Select Committee

Ordered, That the Order [13th May] That the Select Committee on the Ulster Canal and Tyrone Navigation Bill do consist of Nine Members, Five to be nominated by the House, and Four by the Committee of Selection, be read and discharged

Ordered, That the Select Committee do consist of Eleven Members, Seven to be nominated by the House, and Four by the Committee of Selection

Ordered, That Mr. Healy and Mr. Sexton be added to the Committee (*Mr. Henry H.* 306] *Fowler*) *May* 25, 151

Unclaimed Deposits Bill (*Mr. Edmund Robertson*, *Dr. Clark*, *Mr. Watt*)

c. Ordered; read 1° * *Jan* 22 [Bill 77]

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *Mar* 3, [302] 1842; after short debate, Question put; A. 107, N. 88; M. 19 (D. L. 15); Bill read 2°

Bill withdrawn * *June* 10

Union of Benefices Bill [H.L.]

(*The Earl of Milltown*)

l. Presented; read 1ª * *Feb* 25 (No. 20)

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª" *Mar* 23, [303] 1601

Amendt. to leave out ("now,") add ("this day six months") (*The Lord Bishop of London*); after short debate, on Question, That ("now,") &c.? resolved in the negative

Bill to be read 2ª this day six months

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Loss of Life at Sea—Regulations of the United States, Question, Mr. Howard Vincent; Answer, The Secretary to the Board of Trade (Mr. C. T. D. Acland) *June* 10, [306] 1294

Strikes and Labour Organizations, Question, Mr. Paulton; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *April* 13, [304] 1436

United States and the Dominion of Canada

Treaty of Washington — Fishery Disputes, Question, Mr. Baden-Powell; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Osborne Morgan) *April* 19, [305] 19; Question, Sir Frederick Stanley; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Osborne Morgan) *June* 7, [306] 1134; Question, Mr. Gourley; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *June* 18, 1846

Canadian Fisheries—The "David J. Adams," Question, Mr. Howard Vincent; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Osborne Morgan) *May* 13, [305] 910; Question, Mr. Baden-Powell; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *May* 14, 1041; Question, Sir Frederick Stanley; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Osborne Morgan) *May* 24, 1831

Extradition Act, 1877, Question, Mr. Howard Vincent; Answer, The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bryce) *May* 28, [306] 307

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University Education (Ireland) Bill
(*Mr. Lalor, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Sexton, Mr. John Redmond, Mr. Edmond Dwyer Gray, Mr. Clancy*)
c. Ordered ; read 1º * *Jan* 22 [Bill 14]
2R. [Dropped]

Universities (*Scotland*) *Bill*
Question, Mr. Donald Crawford ; Answer, The Secretary for Scotland (Mr. Trevelyan) *Mar* 4, [302] 1891

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- *Land Legislation*, Question, Sir John Jenkins; Answer, The First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. W. E. Gladstone) *April* 2, [304] 607
- *Law and Justice—Welsh-Speaking Judges*, Question, Mr. W. Abraham (Glamorgan, Rhondda); Answer, The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. Childers) *April* 9, [304] 1171
- *Menai Bridge—Letting of the Tolls*, Question, Captain Verney; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 30, [304] 253

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- Moved, "That, as the Church of England in Wales has failed to fulfil its professed object as a means of promoting the religious interests of the Welsh people, and ministers to only a small minority of the population, its continuance as an Established Church in the Principality is an anomaly and an injustice which ought no longer to exist" (*Mr. Dillwyn*) *Mar* 9, [303] 305
- Amendt., To leave out all after "population," in line 4, insert "this House is of opinion that the time has arrived for introducing, without delay, into its organisation such reforms as will enable it to adapt itself more efficiently to the religious needs and wishes of the Welsh people" (*Mr. Albert Grey*) *v.*; Question proposed, "That the words, &c.;" after debate, Question put; A. 229, N. 241; M. 12; Div. List, Ayes and Noes, 358; Question proposed, "That those words be there added," 361; after short debate, Question put; A. 251, N. 152; M. 99 (D. L. 25)
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- Supply—Civil Services and Revenue Departments, [305] 1950

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- Copyhold Enfranchisement, 2R. [302] 1163
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- Mining Royalties, Res. [305] 1136
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WASON, Mr. E., *Ayrshire, S.*
- Sea and Coast Fisheries (Scotland)—Fishermen of Ballantrae—Damage to Nets, &c. by Beam Trawlers, [304] 1301

Watch Trade, The — Hall-Marking of Watch Cases
- Questions, Mr. Forwood; Answers, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *Mar* 18, [303] 1175; *Mar* 25, 1799; Questions, Mr. Kimber; Answers, The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Mundella) *April* 9, [304] 1168; *April* 15, 1624

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(*Mr. Charles Acland, Mr. Mundella*)
- *c.* Ordered; read 1° * *May* 7 [Bill 207]
- Report * *May* 28
- Read 3° * *May* 31
- *l* Read 1ª * (*Lord Sudeley*) *June* 1 (No. 137)
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- Committee *; Report; read 3ª *June* 21
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Waterworks Rating Bill (*Mr. Gerald Balfour, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Coddington, Sir H. Roscoe, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Picton*)
- *c.* Ordered; read 1° * *Feb* 25 [Bill 117]
- Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2°" *April* 7, [304] 1027; Amendt. to leave out "now," add "upon this day six months" (*Mr. Addison*); Question proposed, "That 'now,' &c.;" after short debate, Moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned" (*Mr. Jackson*); Question put, and agreed to; Debate adjourned
- Adjourned Debate on 2R. [Dropped]

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- *Assistants of Excise*, Question, Mr. Lawson; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *April* 12, [304] 1312
- *Cases of Smuggling in Scotch Deer Forests since* 1879, Questions, Mr. Macdonald Cameron; Answers, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt) *Feb* 23, [302] 1024
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- *Cottage Brewing Licences*, Questions, Mr. Everett, Mr. Jasper More; Answers, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt) *Feb* 25, [302] 1194
- *Duty on Beer — The Farmers*, Question, Mr. Stanley Leighton; Answer, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt) *June* 10, [306] 1296
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- *Illicit Stills (Scotland)*, Question, Dr. Cameron; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Jackson) *Jan* 26, [302] 417
- *Home-grown Tobacco*, Questions, Sir Edward Birkbeck, Mr. Pyne; Answers, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt) *Mar* 8, [303] 114
- *Rice, &c. used in Brewing*, Question, Colonel Hamilton; Answer, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt) *May* 25, [306] 29
- *Superannuation of an Excise Officer*, Questions, Colonel Sandys; Answers, The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir William Harcourt) *June* 3, [306] 842; *June* 7, 1128

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- *Dog Licences—Drovers' &c. Dogs*, Question, Mr. Mark Stewart; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 11, [303] 442
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- *The Land Tax Commission*, Question, Mr. Francis Powell; Answer, Mr. Leveson Gower (A Lord of the Treasury) *Mar* 22, [303] 1494

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- *Great Britain and Ireland — Schedule A*, Question, Mr. Barry; Answer, The Attorney General (Mr. Charles Russell) *Feb* 22, [302] 904; Question, Mr. Dwyer Gray; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Feb* 25, 1214;—*Schedule B*, Questions, Sir Joseph M'Kenna; Answers, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *May* 6, [305] 360; *May* 24, 1823
- *Collection of Income Tax*, Questions, Mr. Dwyer Gray; Answers, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 15, [303] 802
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- *Income Tax Collectors*, Questions, Mr. Cox; Answers, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *May* 11, [305] 758
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Newspaper Stamps, Question, Mr. Dwyer Gray; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 15, [303] 798

Stamped Newspaper Wrappers, Question, Mr. Dwyer Gray; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Feb* 25, [302] 1214

The Sale of Stamps, Question, Mr. Bernard Kelly; Answer, The Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Henry H. Fowler) *Mar* 29, [304] 94

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Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty *Feb* 18

Considered in Committee *Mar* 16, [303] 1057

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1886, the sum of £544,772 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom

Resolution reported *Mar* 17
[See *Consolidated Fund* (*No.* 1) *Bill*]

Considered in Committee *Mar* 18, 1325

(1.) Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ended on the 31st day of March 1887, the sum of £38,715 2*s.* 1*d.* be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom

(2.) Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1887, the sum of £8,256,018 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom

Resolutions reported *Mar* 19
[See *Consolidated Fund* (*No.* 2) *Bill*]

Considered in Committee *Mar* 22, 1600

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1887, the sum of £4,457,300 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom

Resolution reported, and agreed to *Mar* 23, 1727

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, That they have power to make provision therein, pursuant to the said Resolution

Considered in Committee *April* 15, [304] 1637
—THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(1.) Moved, "That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Duties of Customs now chargeable upon Tea shall continue to be levied and charged on and after the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, until the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, on the importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland (that is to say):

Tea . . . the pound . Sixpence"

(2.) "That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, collected, and paid for the year which commenced on the sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, in respect of all Property, Profits, and Gains mentioned or described as chargeable in the Act of the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter thirty-four, the following Duties of Income Tax (that is to say):

For every Twenty Shillings of the annual value or amount of Property, Profits, and Gains chargeable under Schedules (A), (C), (D), or (E) of the said Act, the Duty of Eight Pence;

And for every Twenty Shillings of the annual value of the occupation of Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Heritages chargeable under Schedule B of the said Act,—

In England, the Duty of Four Pence;
In Scotland and Ireland respectively, the Duty of Three Pence;

Subject to the provisions contained in section one hundred and sixty-three of the Act of the fifth and sixth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter thirty-five, for the exemption of persons whose income is less than One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, and in section eight of 'The Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1876,' for the relief of persons whose income is less than Four Hundred Pounds

(3.) "That it is expedient to amend the Laws relating to the Inland Revenue and Customs" (*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer*); after long debate, Resolutions agreed to

Resolutions reported *April* 16

Considered in Committee *June* 1, [306] 782

Resolved, That, on a day to be fixed by the Commissioners of the Treasury, the Duties of Customs now payable on Wine shall cease, and in lieu thereof there shall be charged and paid the duties following (that is to say):—

		s.	*d.*
Wine not exceeding 30 degrees of proof spirit	the gallon	1	0
Wine exceeding 20, but not exceeding 42, degrees of proof spirit	the gallon	2	6
And for every degree, or part of a degree, beyond the highest above charged, an additional duty	the gallon	0	3

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The word "degree" does not include fractions of the next higher degree
"Wine" includes lees of wine (*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer*)
[See titles *Spain—The Commercial Convention* and *Customs Bill*]
Considered in Committee *June* 11
Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1887, the sum of £26,993,652 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom
Resolution reported *June* 16
[See title *Consolidated Fund* (*Appropriation*) *Bill*]

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GRANTS OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FUND.

	£	s.	d.
For the service of the years ending 31st March 1885 and 1886; viz.			
Under Act 49 Vic. cap. 4 ...	583,487	2	1
For the service of the year ending 31st March 1887:—			
Under Act 49 Vic. cap. 7 ...	12,713,318	0	0
Under this Act	26,993,652	0	0
Total ..	£40,290,457	2	1

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